




WARRIORS

Redtail's Choice



ALRIGHT, MORNING
PATROLS EVERYONE!

TIGERCLAW

LIONHEART

GRAB TWO
WARRIORS AND AN
APPRENTICE EACH.

TIGERCLAW, TAKE
SHADOWGLAN.

BE CAREFUL.

LIONHEART,
CHECK RIVERGLAN.

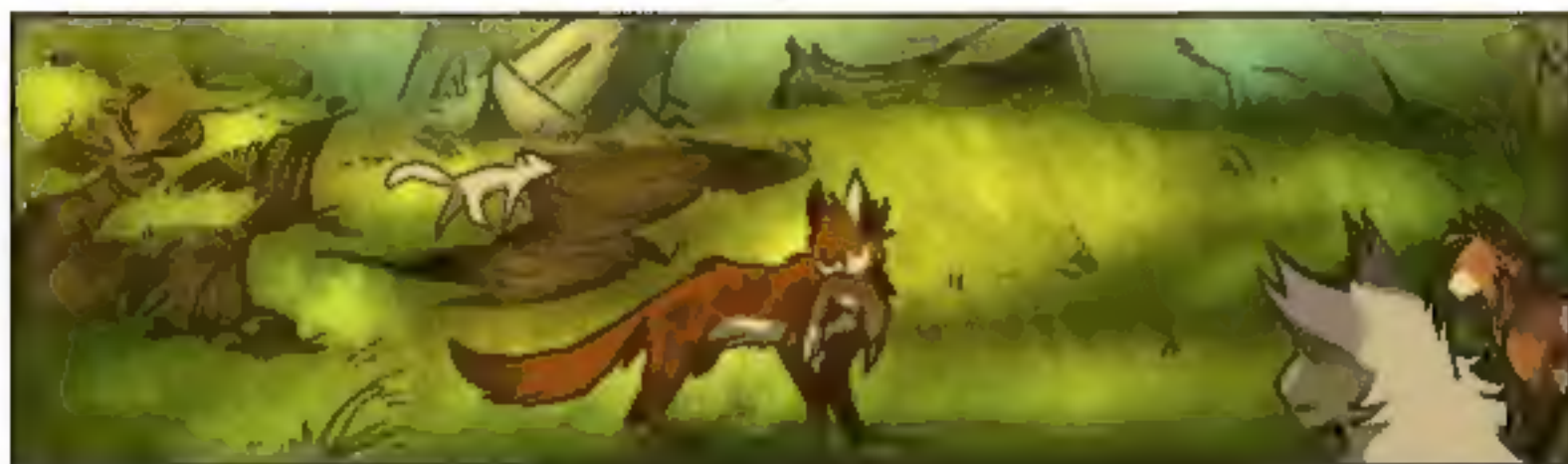
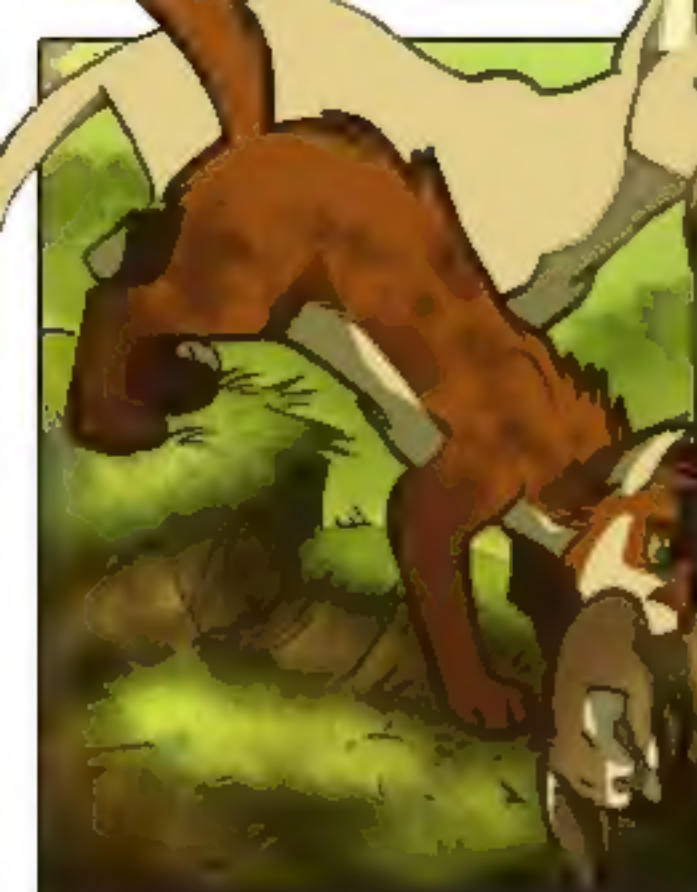
THEY'VE BEEN
PUSHING OUR BORDERS
WORSE AND WORSE
AS OF LATE.

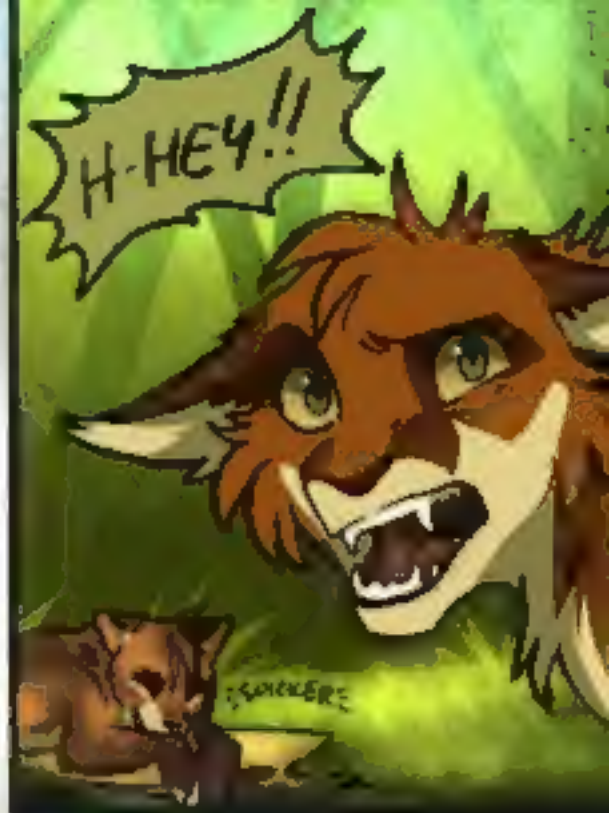
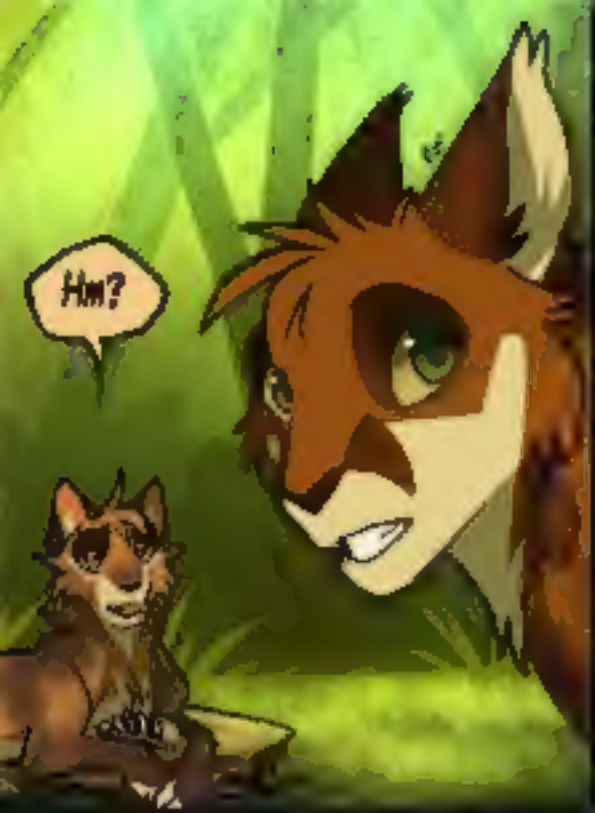
WHITESTORM,
COULD YOU PLEASE COME
HUNTING WITH ME?

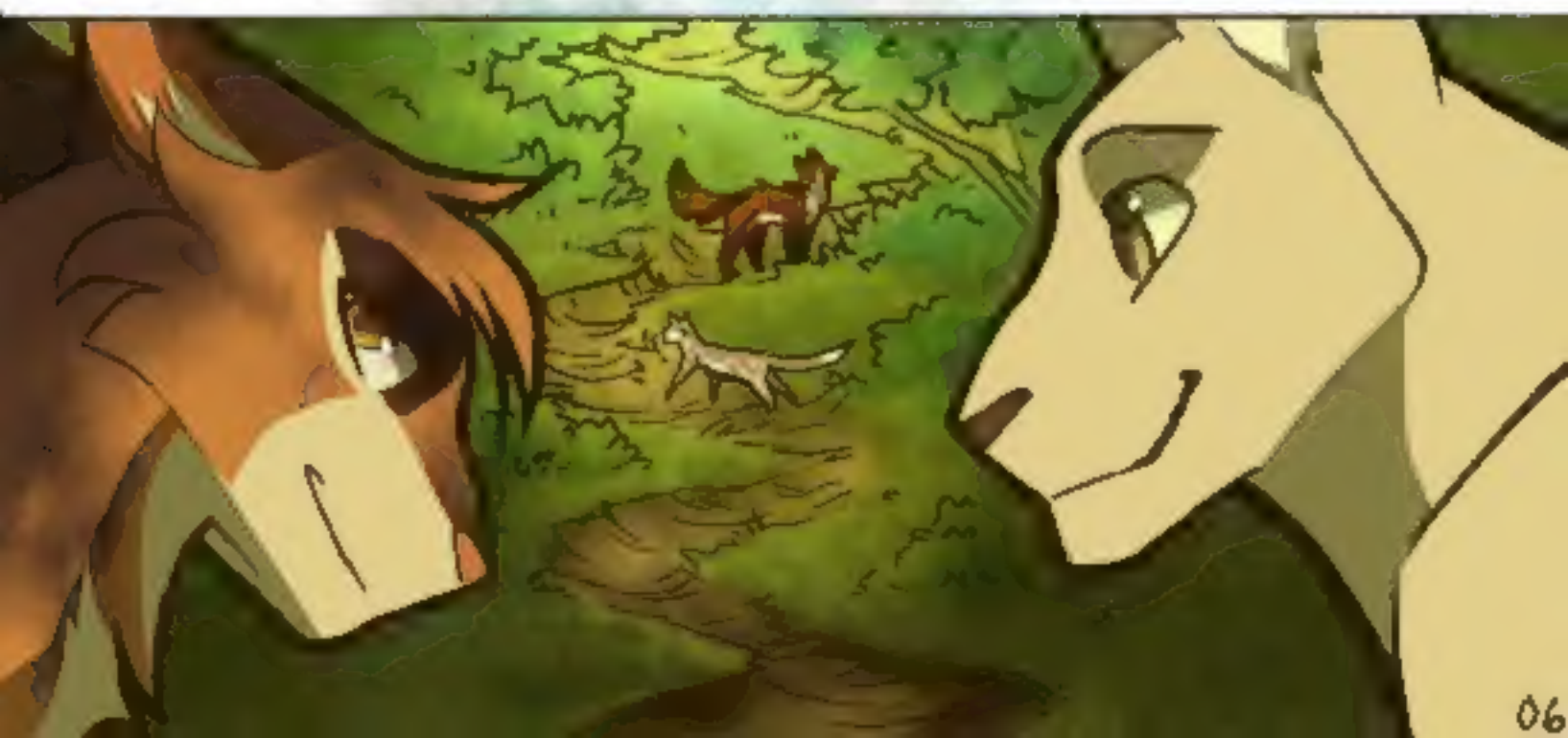
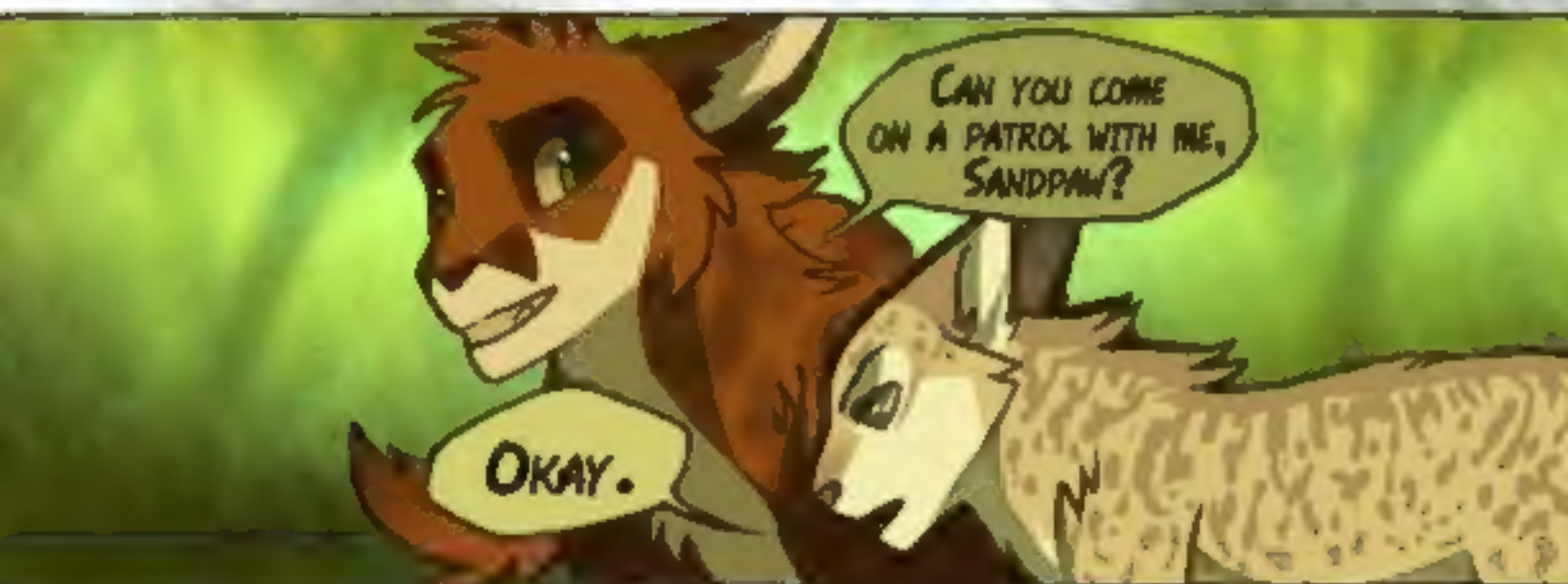
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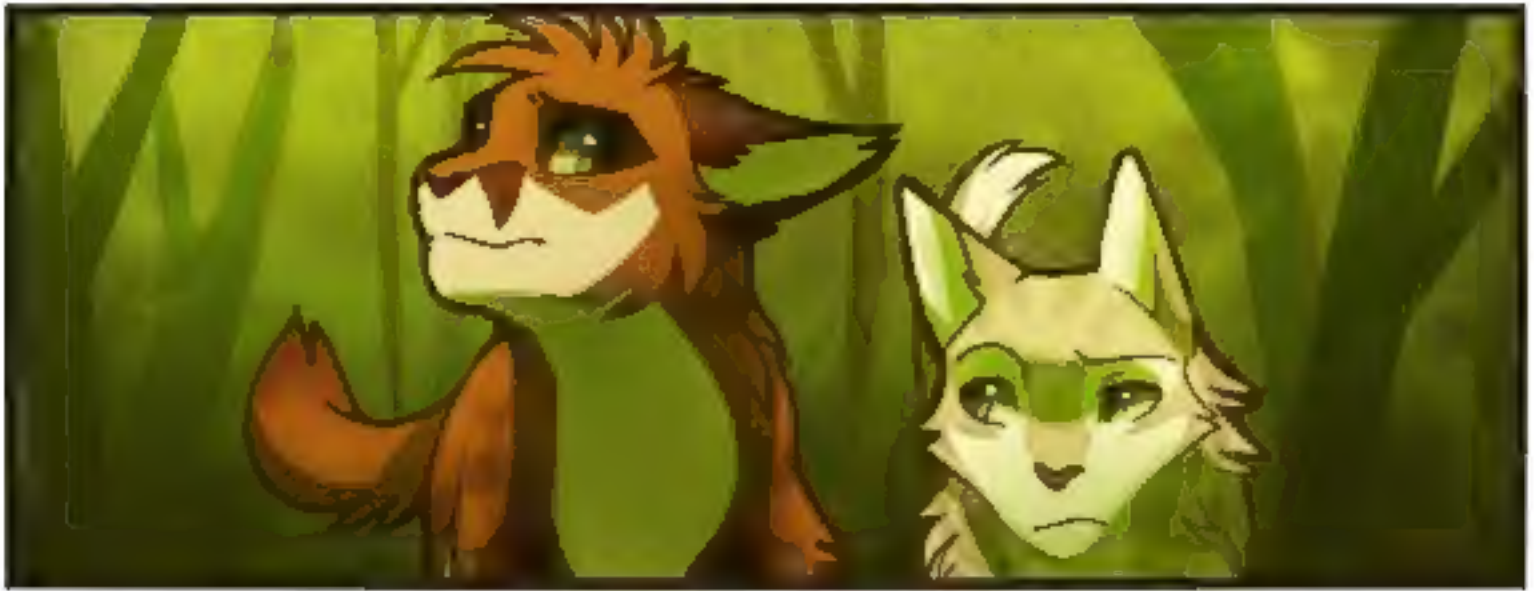














I'M LEARNING ALL KINDS OF STUFF! WHITESTORM'S ALREADY SHOWN ME HOW TO HUNT AND FIGHT!

I'LL BE THE BEST WARRIOR EVER!

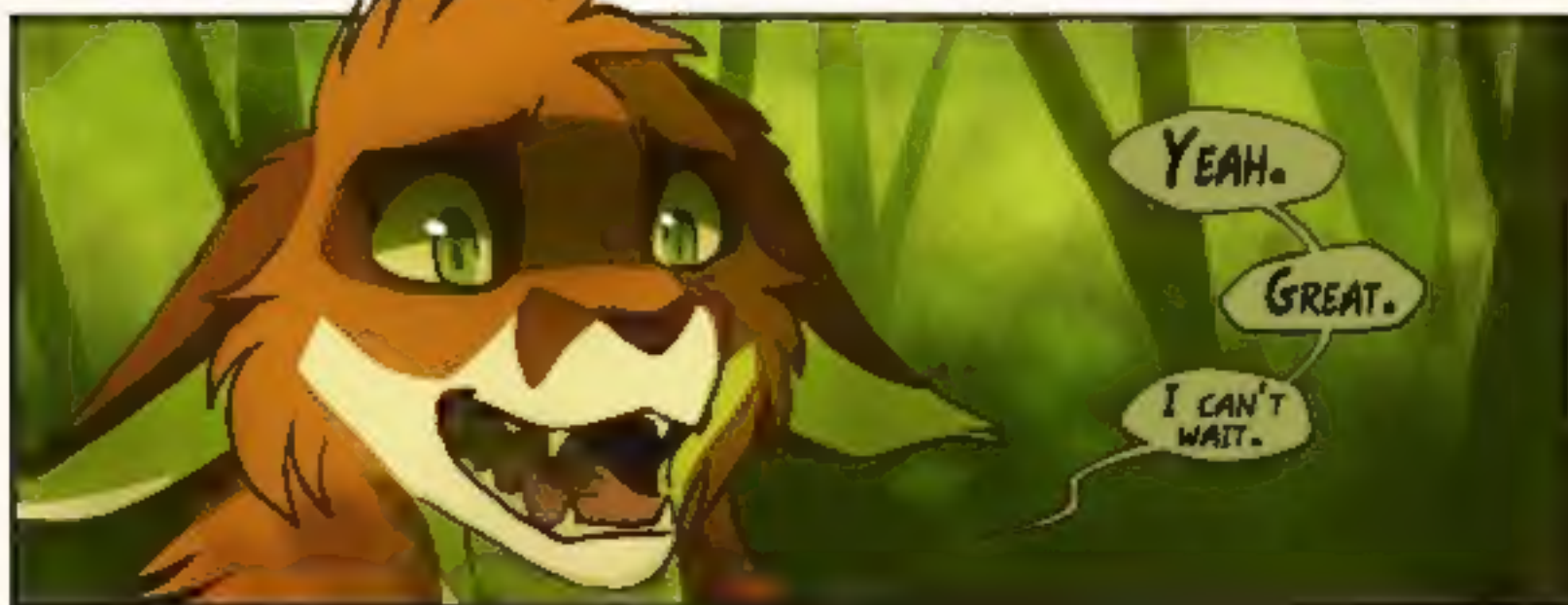
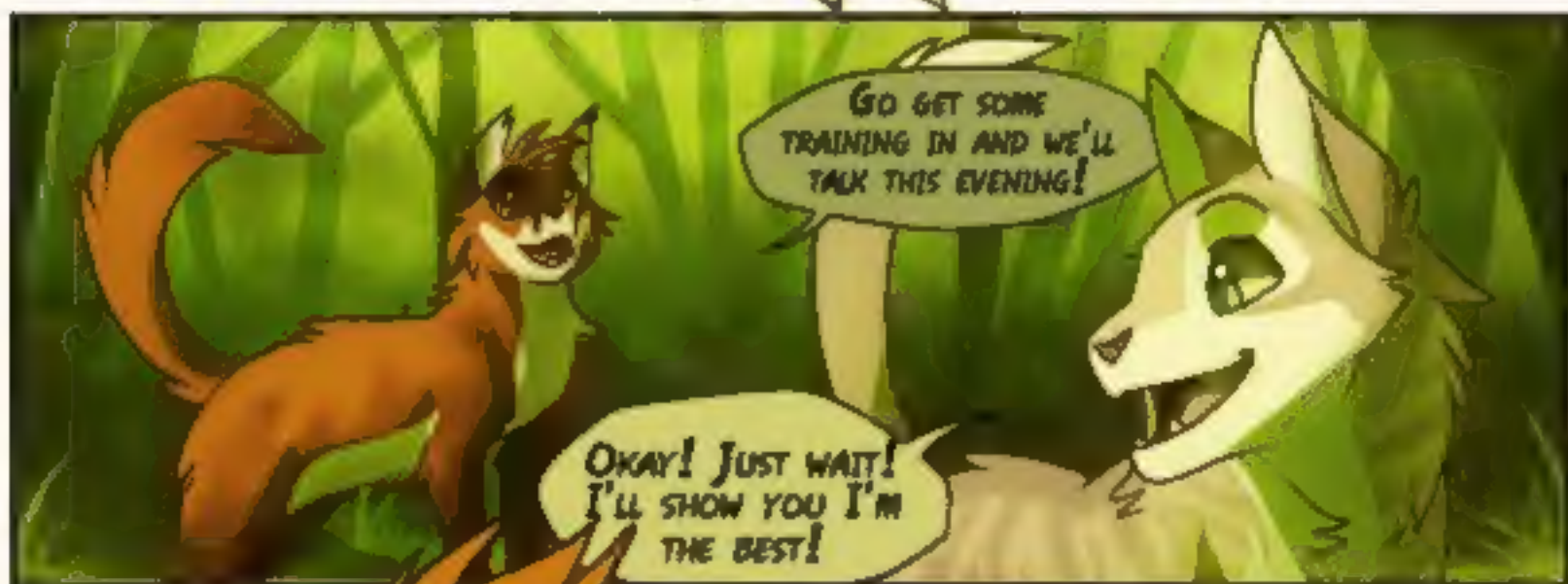


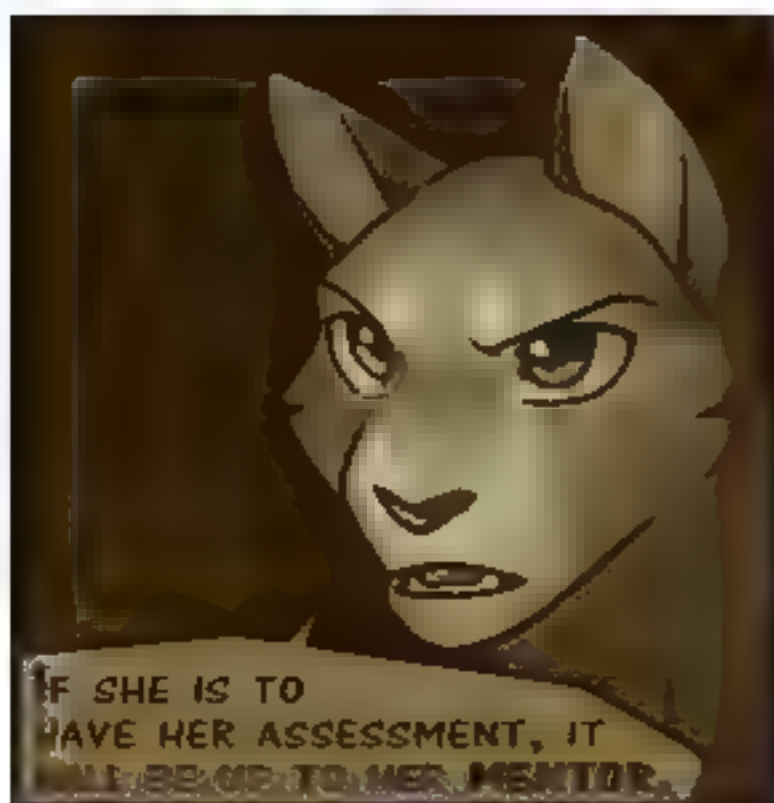
HA, THAT'S GREAT....!



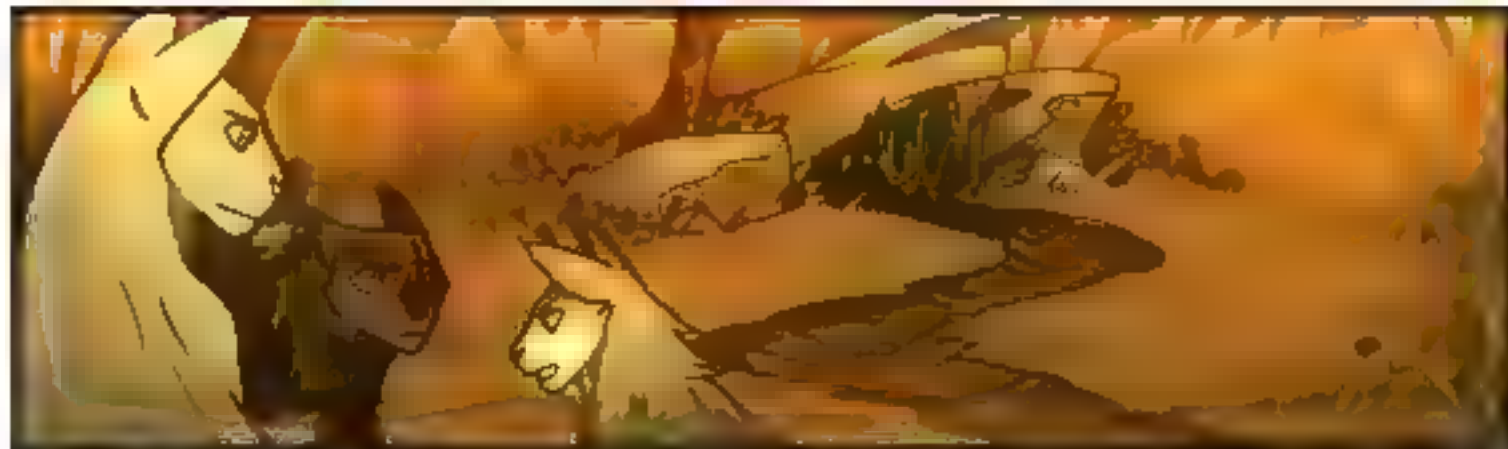
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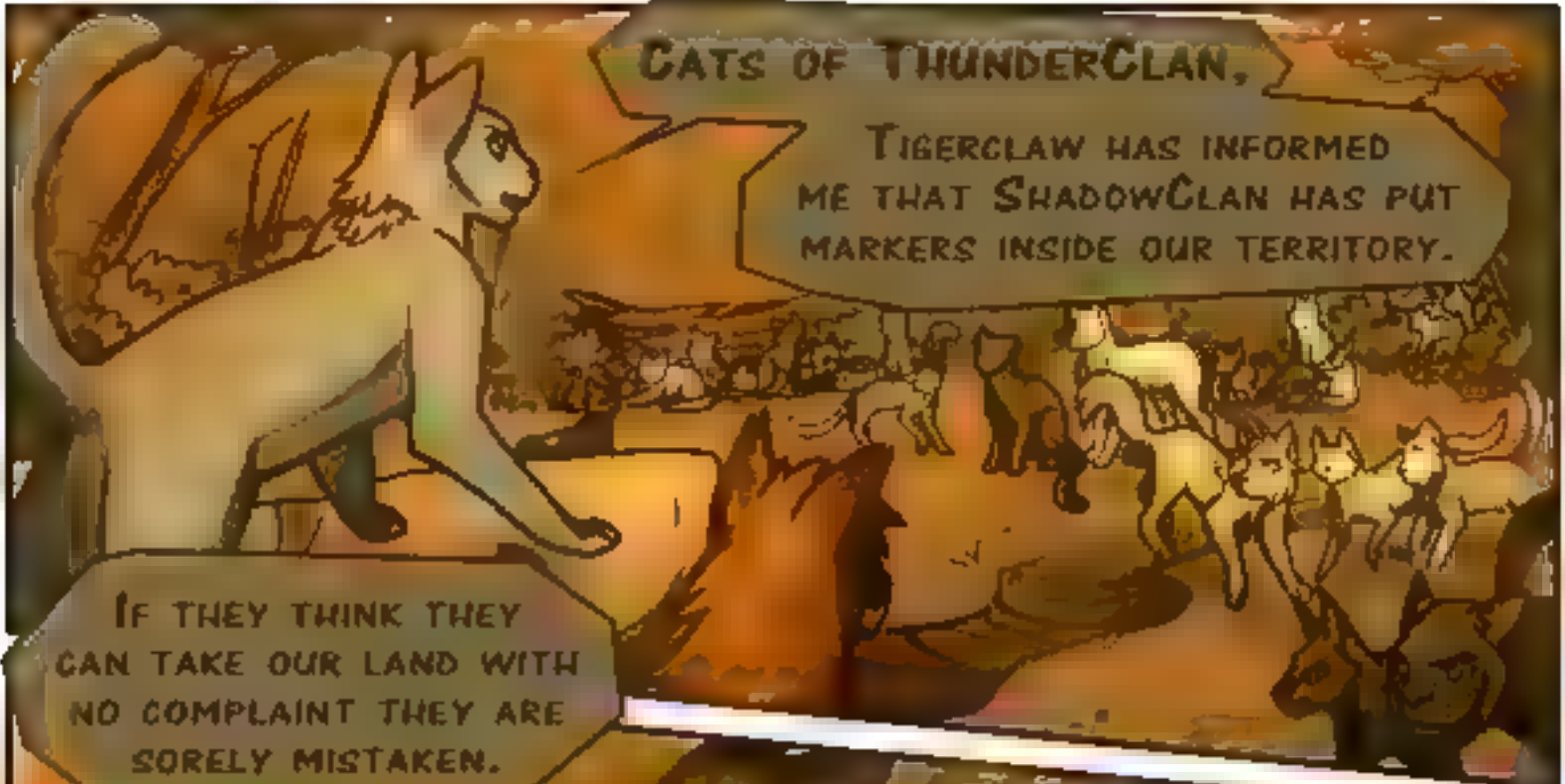
SO YOU THINK I'M READY FOR MY ASSESSMENT?







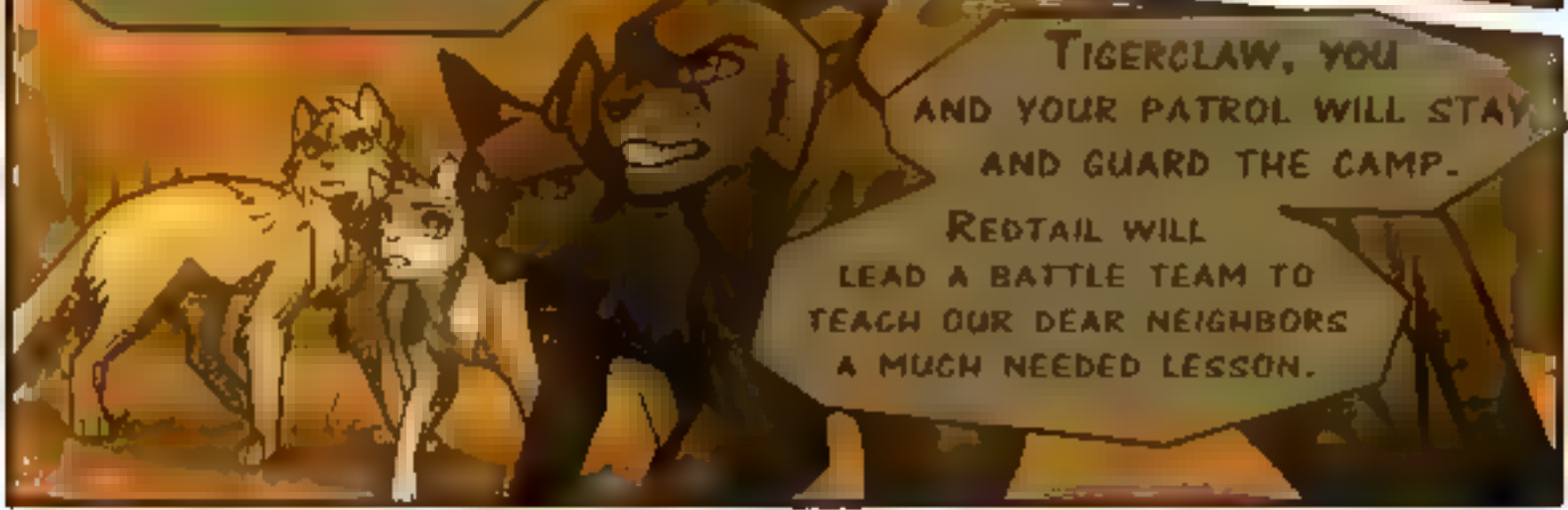




CATS OF THUNDERCLAN,

TIGERCLAW HAS INFORMED
ME THAT SHADOWCLAN HAS PUT
MARKERS INSIDE OUR TERRITORY.

IF THEY THINK THEY
CAN TAKE OUR LAND WITH
NO COMPLAINT THEY ARE
SORELY MISTAKEN.



TIGERCLAW, YOU
AND YOUR PATROL WILL STAY
AND GUARD THE CAMP.

REDTAIL WILL
LEAD A BATTLE TEAM TO
TEACH OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS
A MUCH NEEDED LESSON.





WHITESTORM

DO YOU THINK YOUR
APPRENTICE IS READY FOR
A BORDER SKIRMISH?



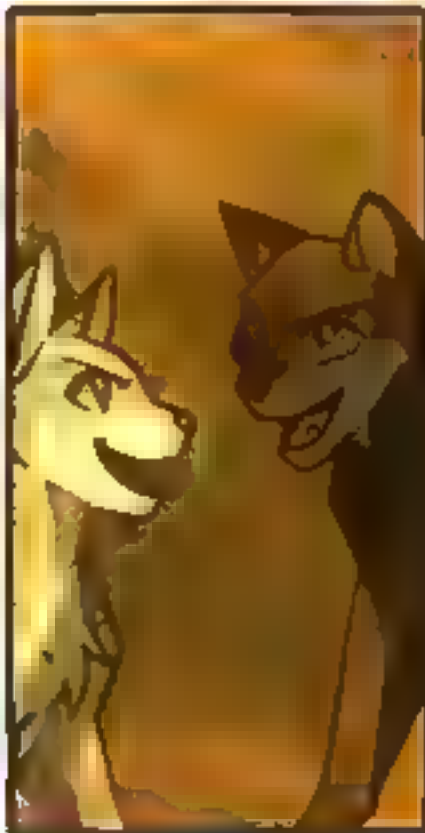
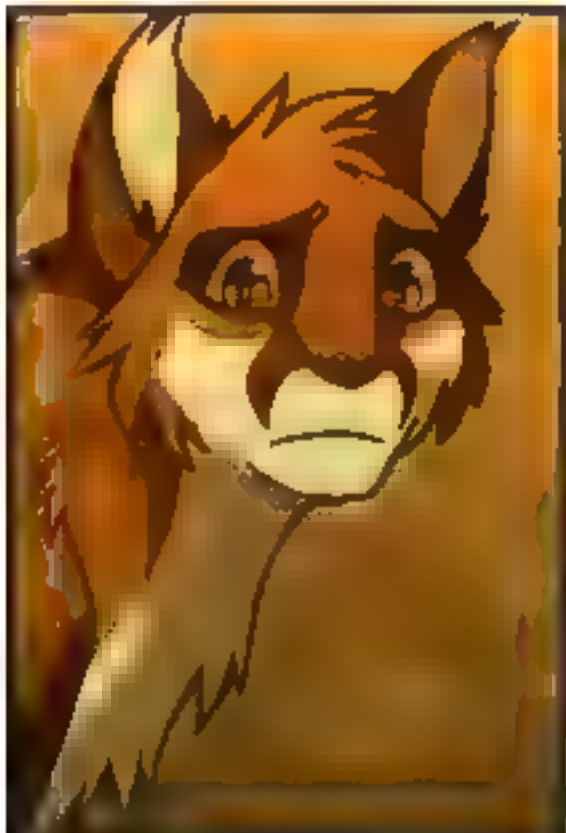
ABSOLUTELY.




MOUSEFUR,
LONGTAIL.



YOU WILL JOIN THEM.
WHITESTORM, YOU WILL COME ALONG
TO ASSESS SANDPAW'S SKILLS.





REDTAIL...


SANDPAW
WILL BE FINE.

SHE CAN'T BE A
WARRIOR IF SHE DOESN'T
FIGHT FOR HER CLAN.

I KNOW,
I KNOW...

I JUST DON'T--

REDTAIL!




WE'RE AT
THE BORDER.



Ugh!

I HATE THE
THUNDERPATH. HOW
DO TWOLEGS DEAL WITH
THAT STENCH?

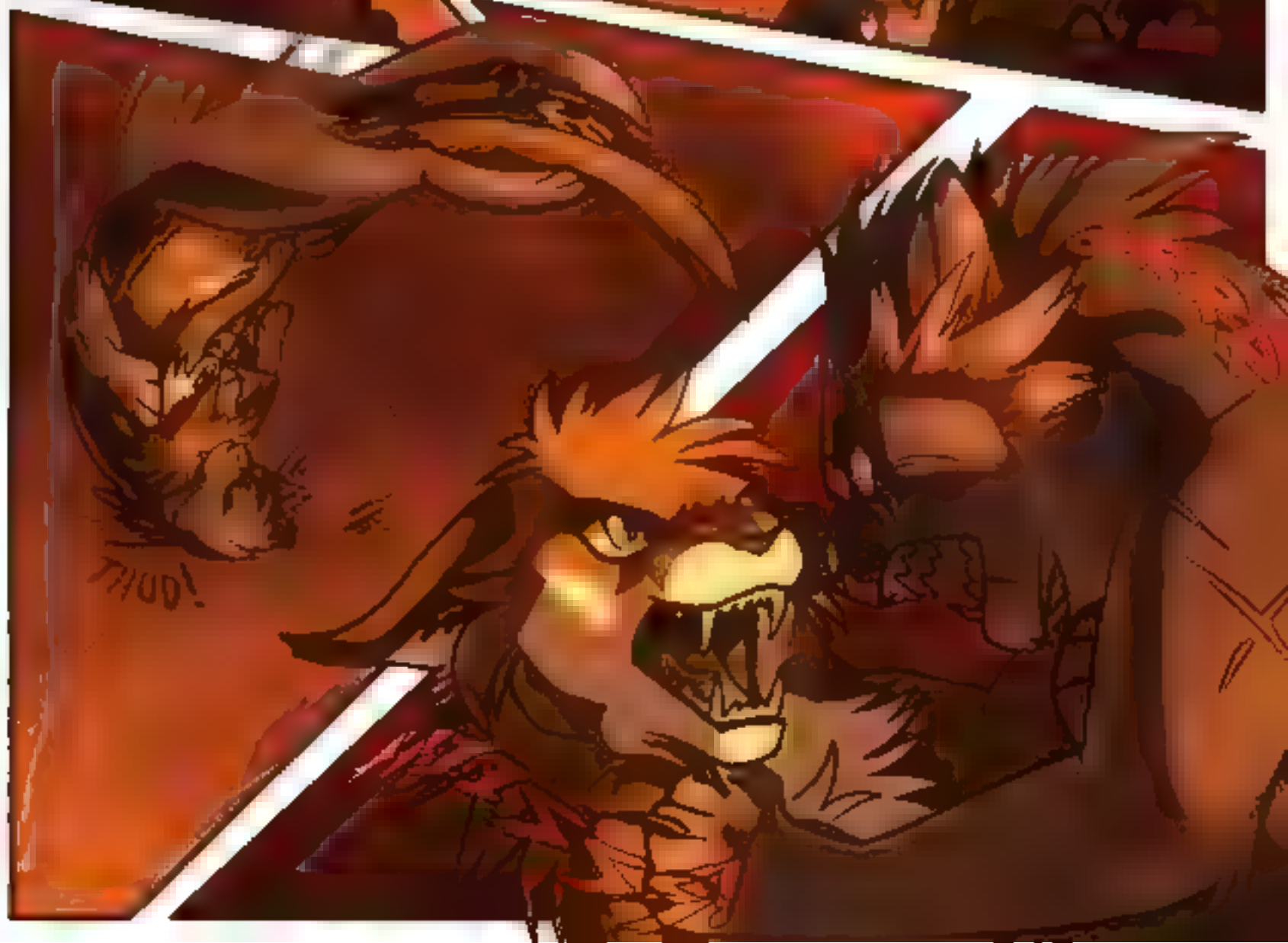
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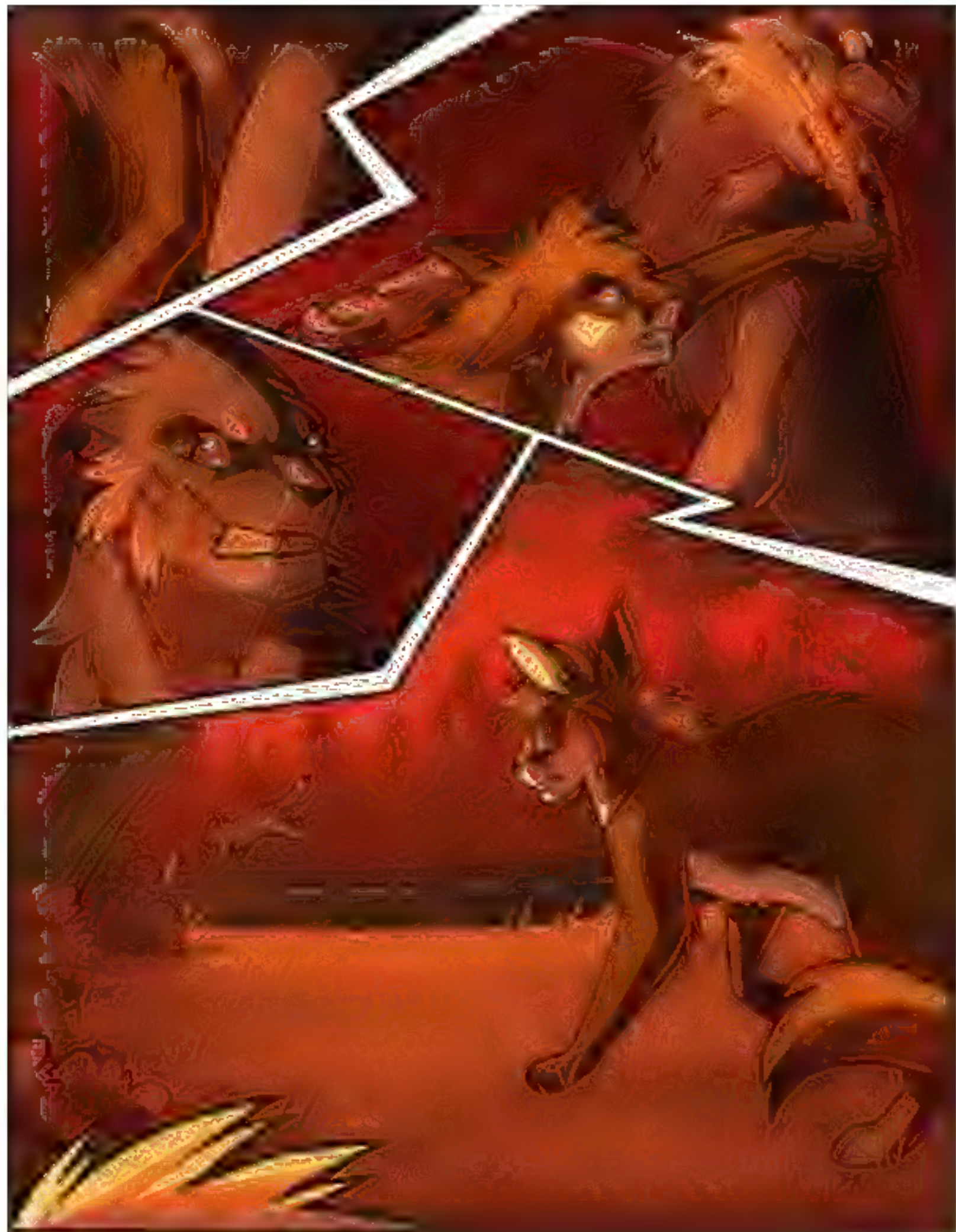


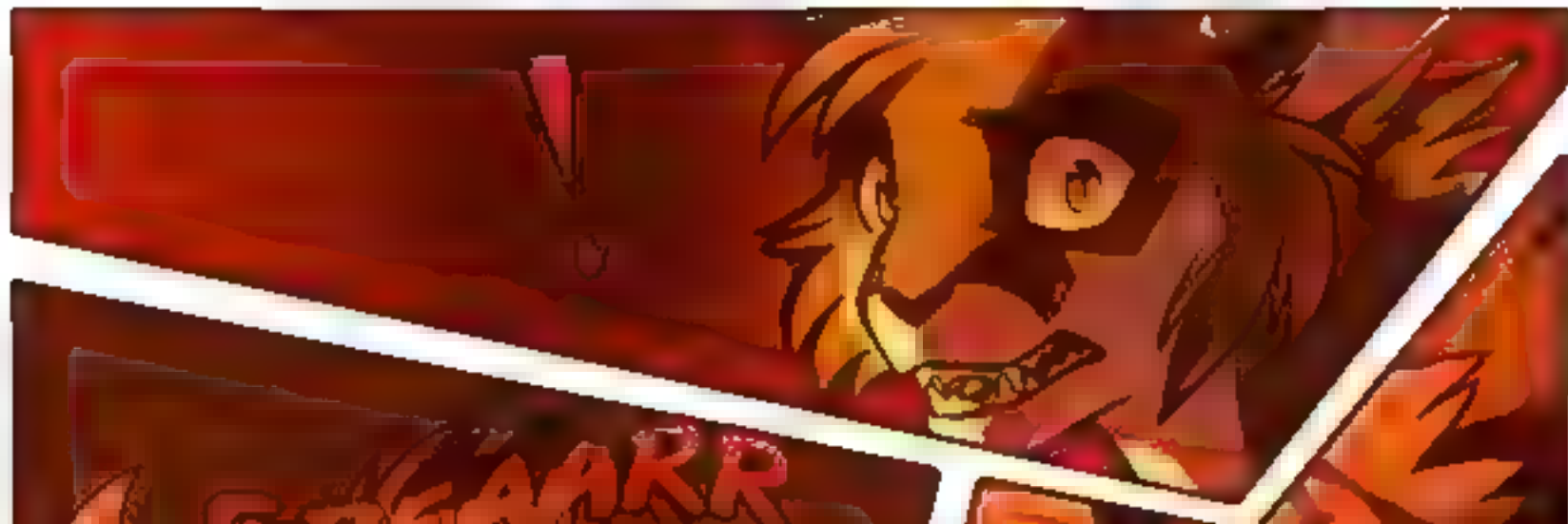
SHADOWCLAN
COULD BE WAITING
IN AMBUSH.

MONSTER
INCOMING.











ARE YOU--

I DON'T NEED
YOUR HELP!

JUST STAY AWAY
FROM ME!

I WAS ONLY...



REDTAIL.

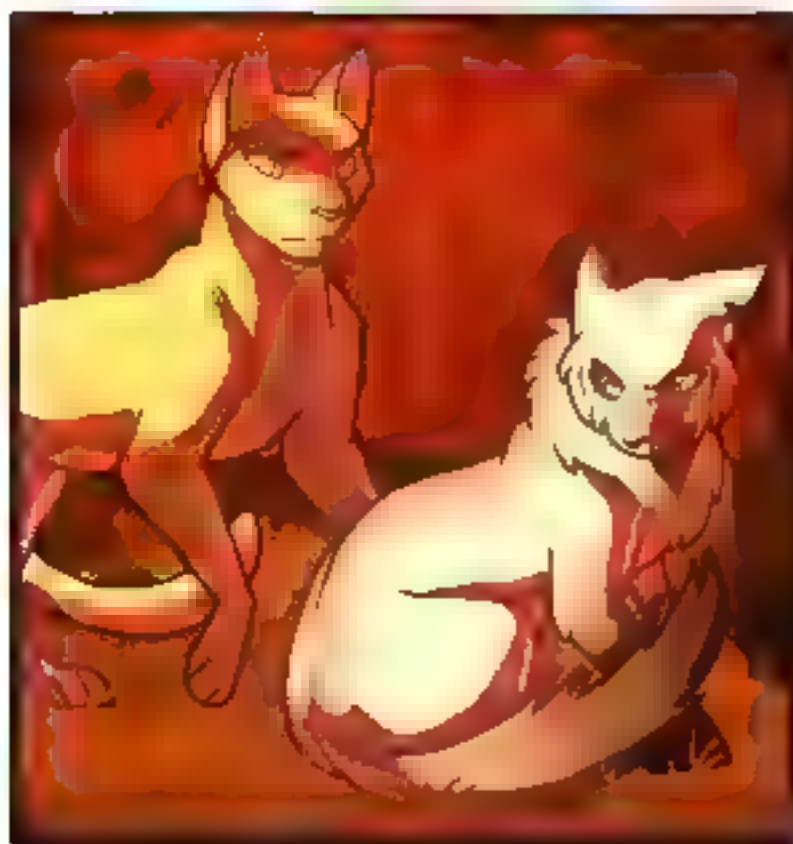


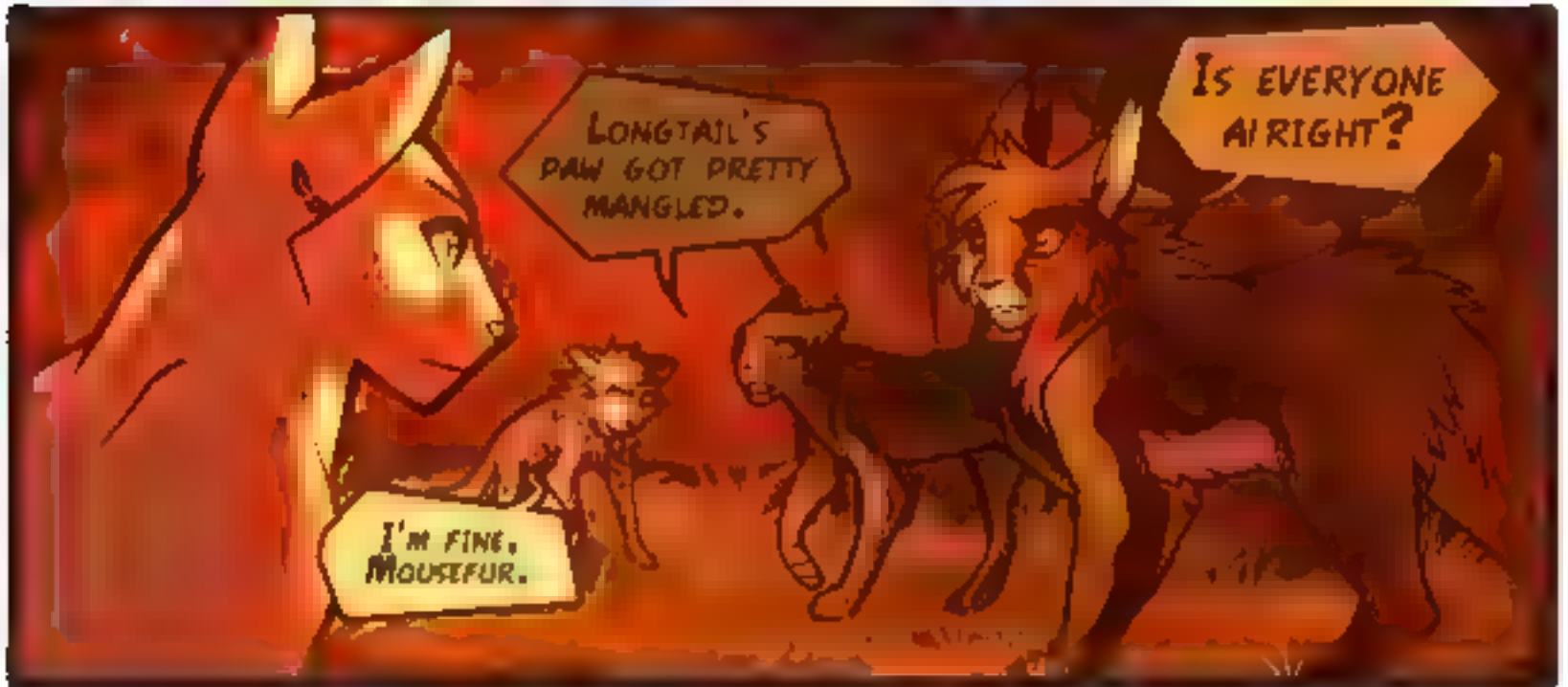
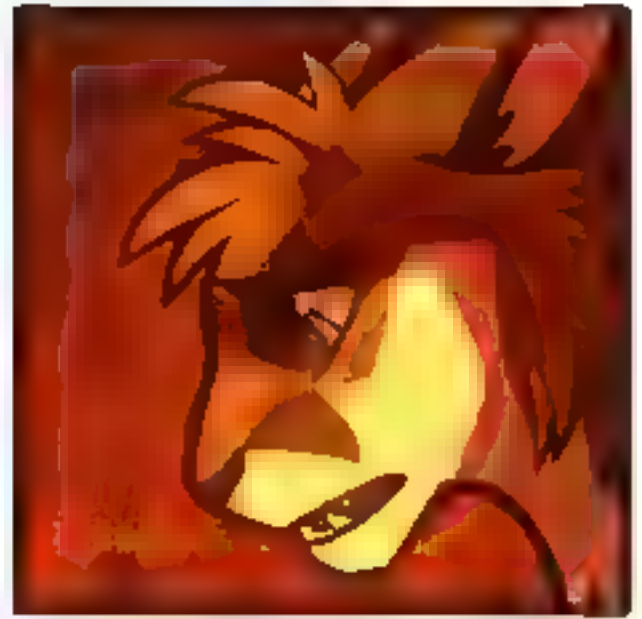
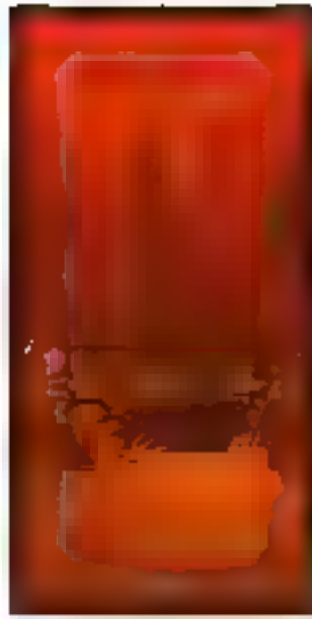
BLACKFOOT.

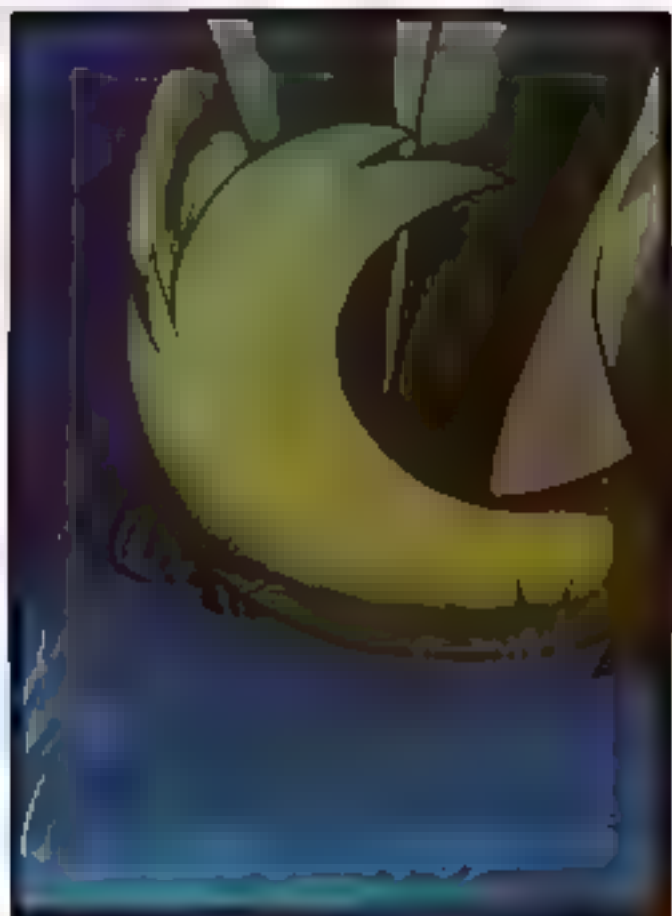
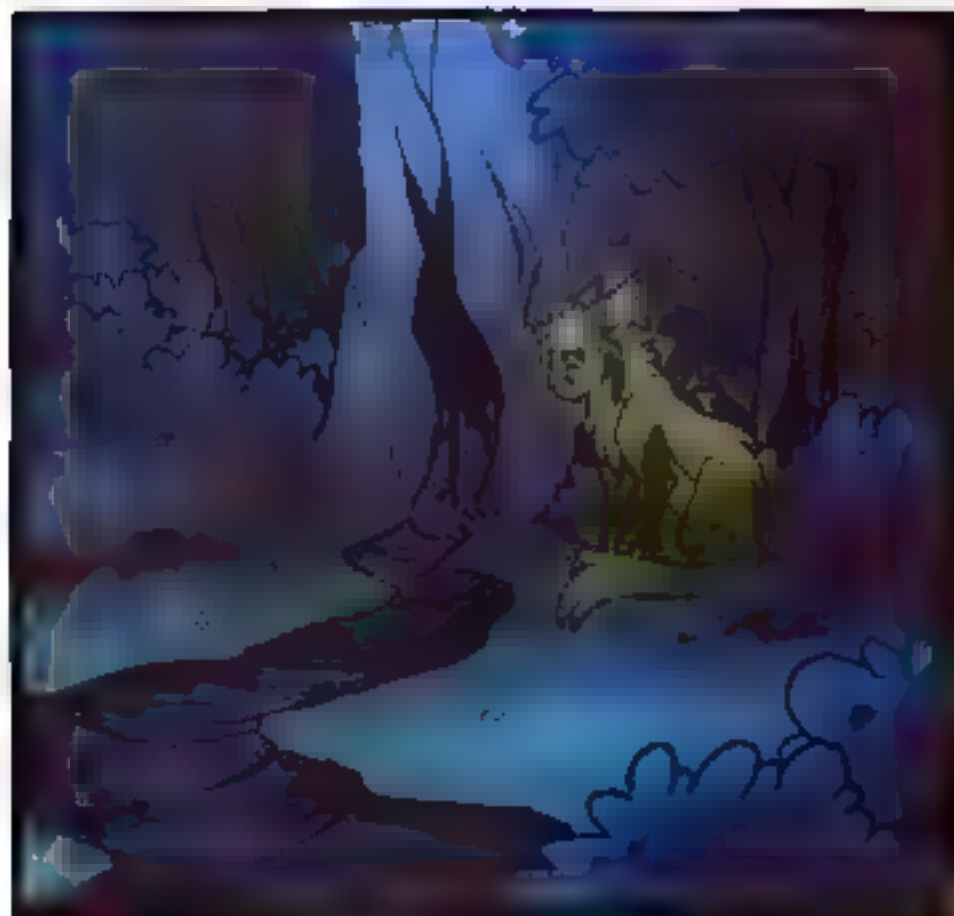
YOU SHOULD KNOW
NOT TO PICK A FIGHT
YOU CANNOT WIN.

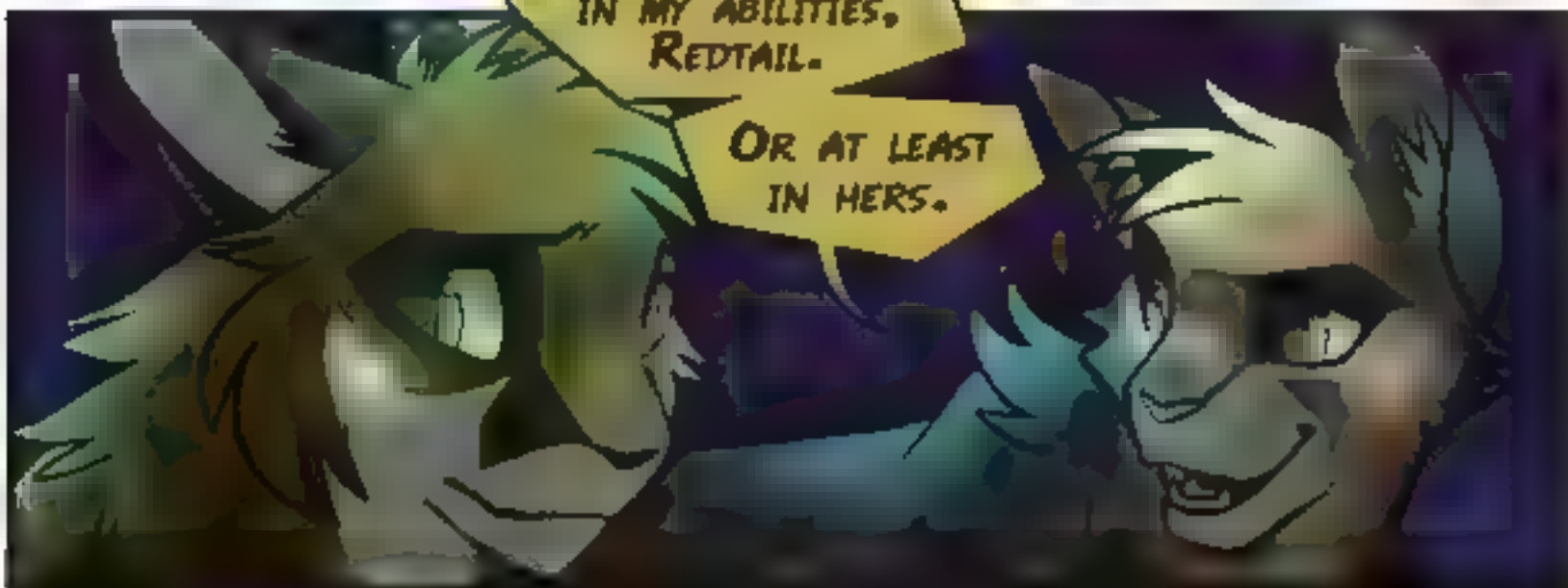
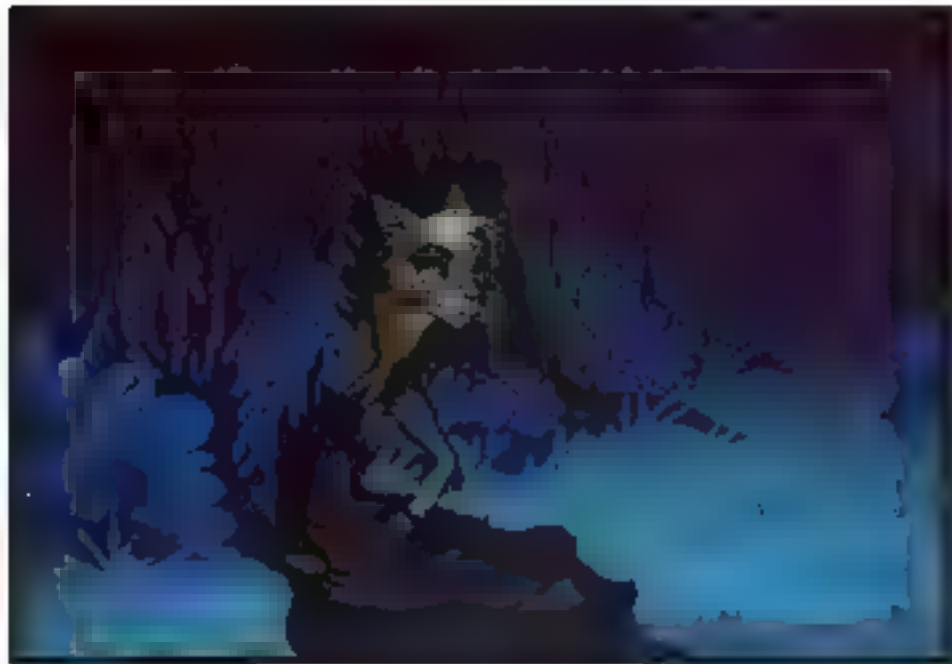
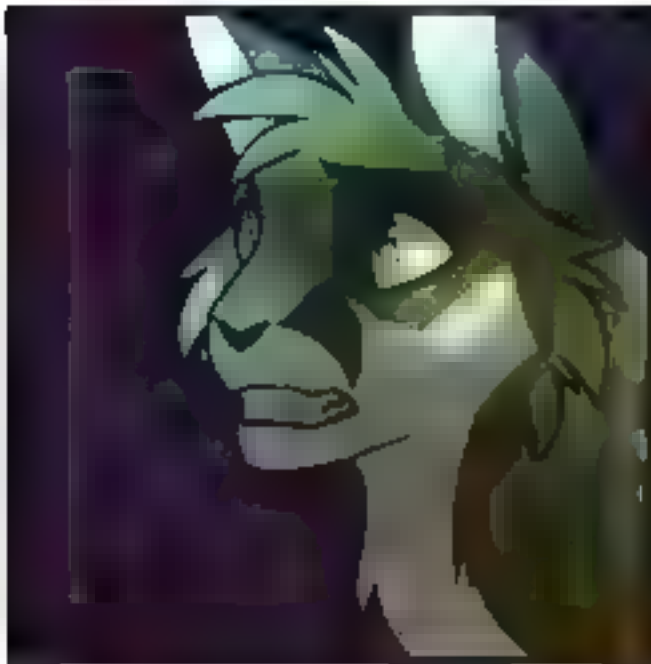
YOU'RE AWFUL
SHORT-SIGHTED.

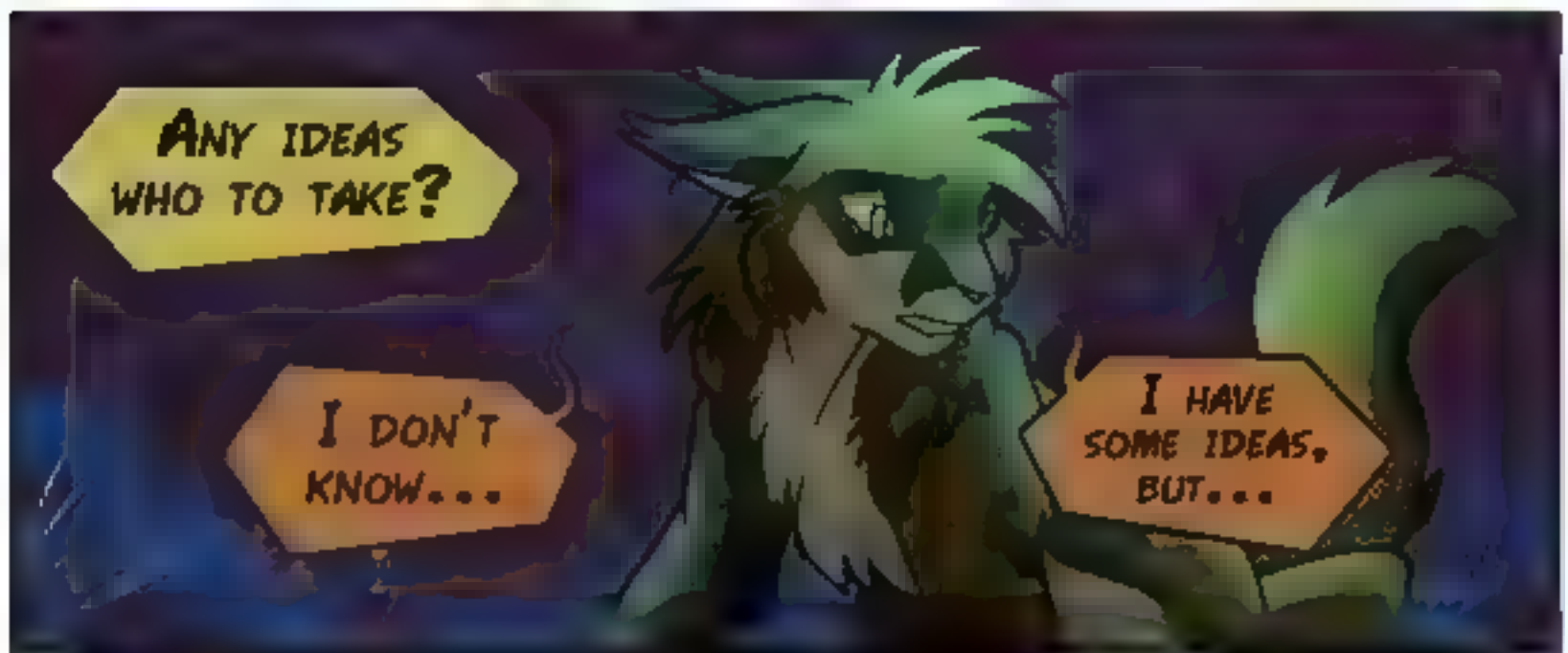
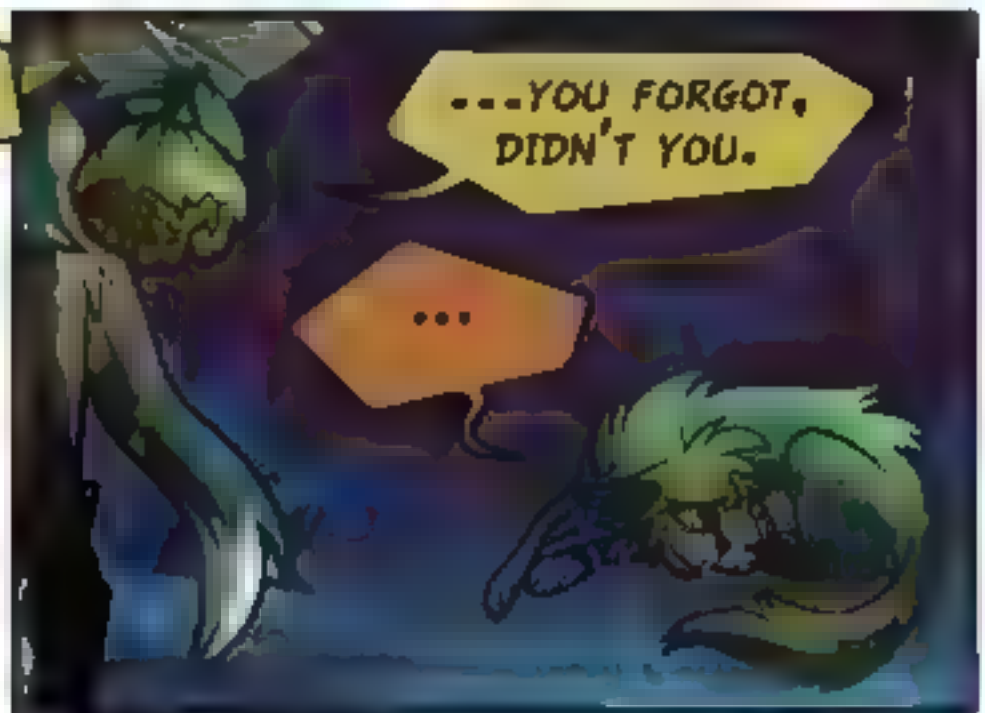
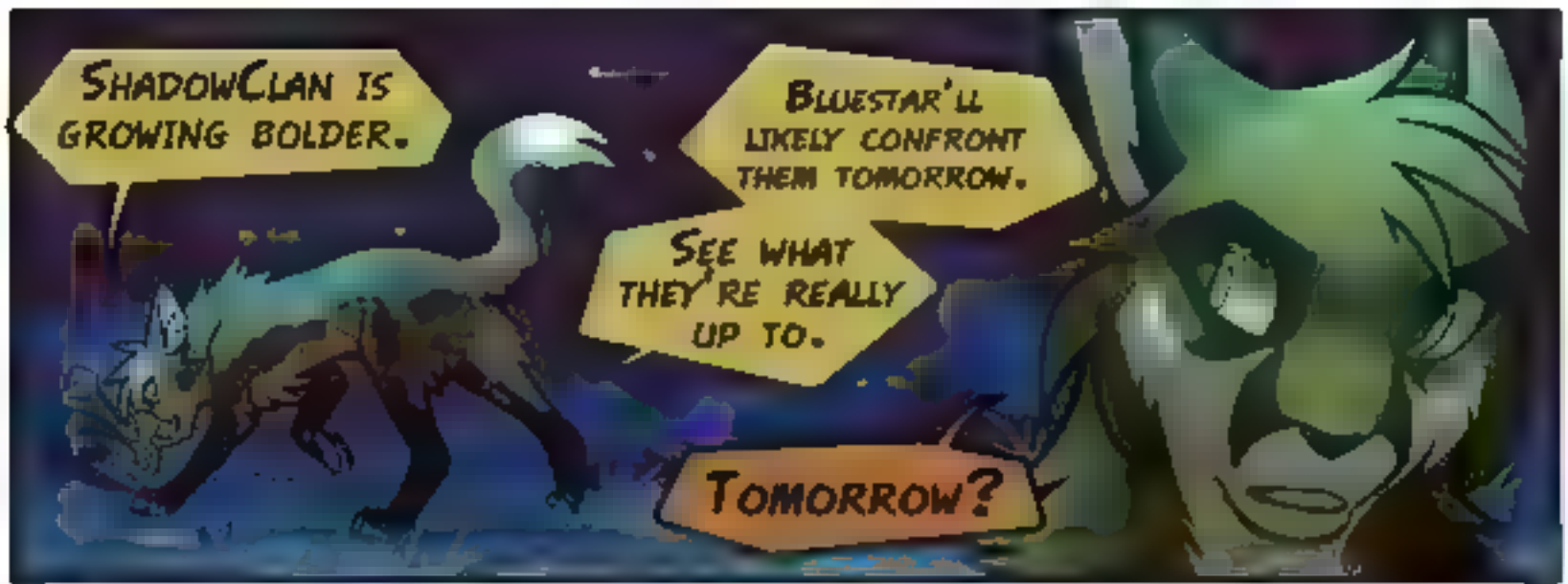
I WAS JUST SENT TO
DELIVER A MESSAGE FOR
OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS.

















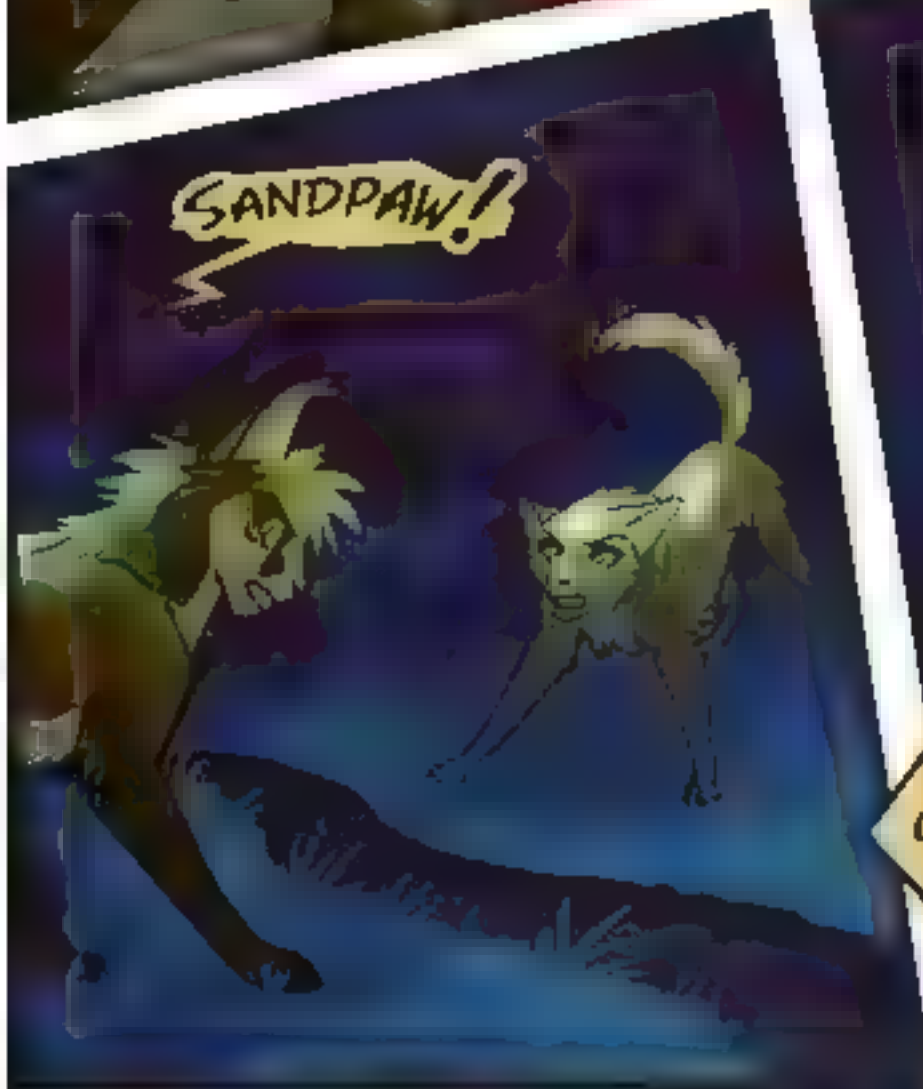
WHAT IS WRONG
WITH YOU?!

WHY ISN'T ANYTHING
I DO EVER ENOUGH FOR YOU?
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?




IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING
TO DO WITH WHAT I THINK,
SANDPAW.

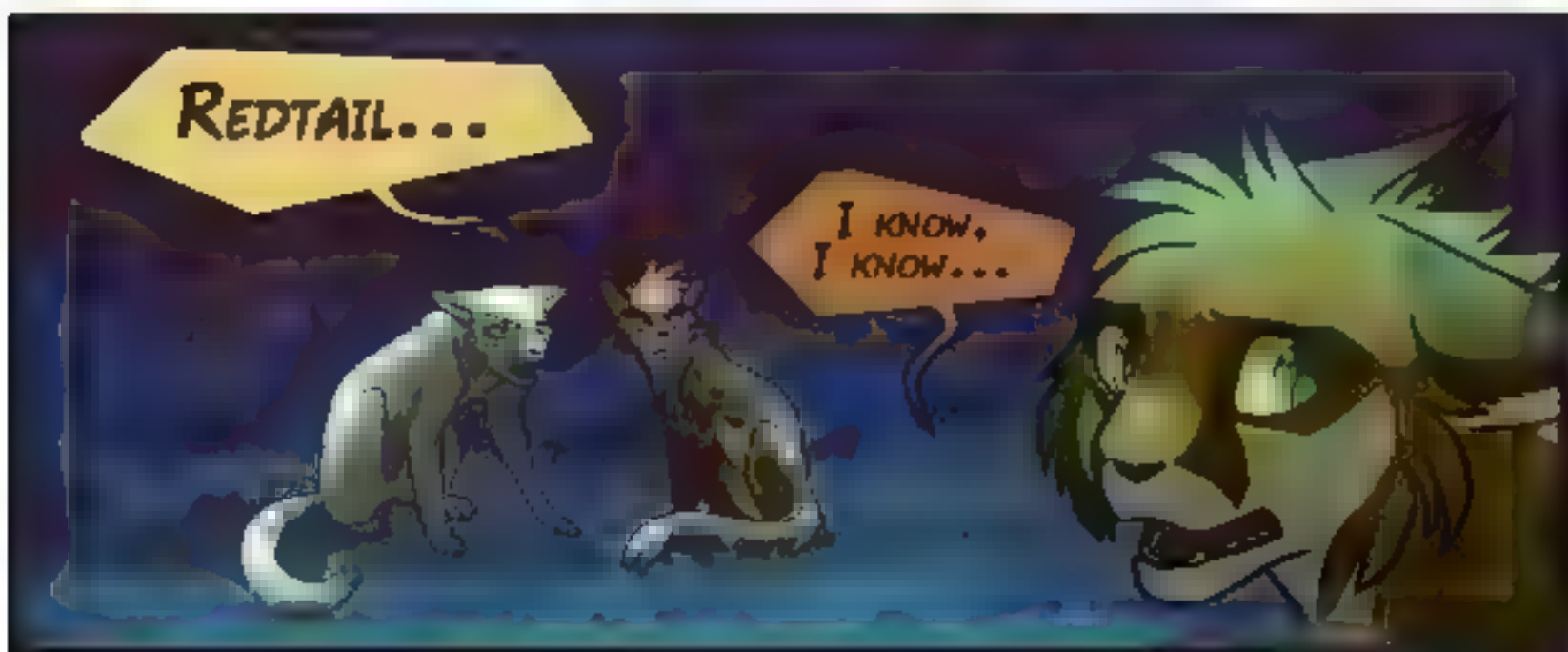
I HAVE TO THINK
OF WHAT IS BEST FOR
THE CLAN!




SANDPAW!



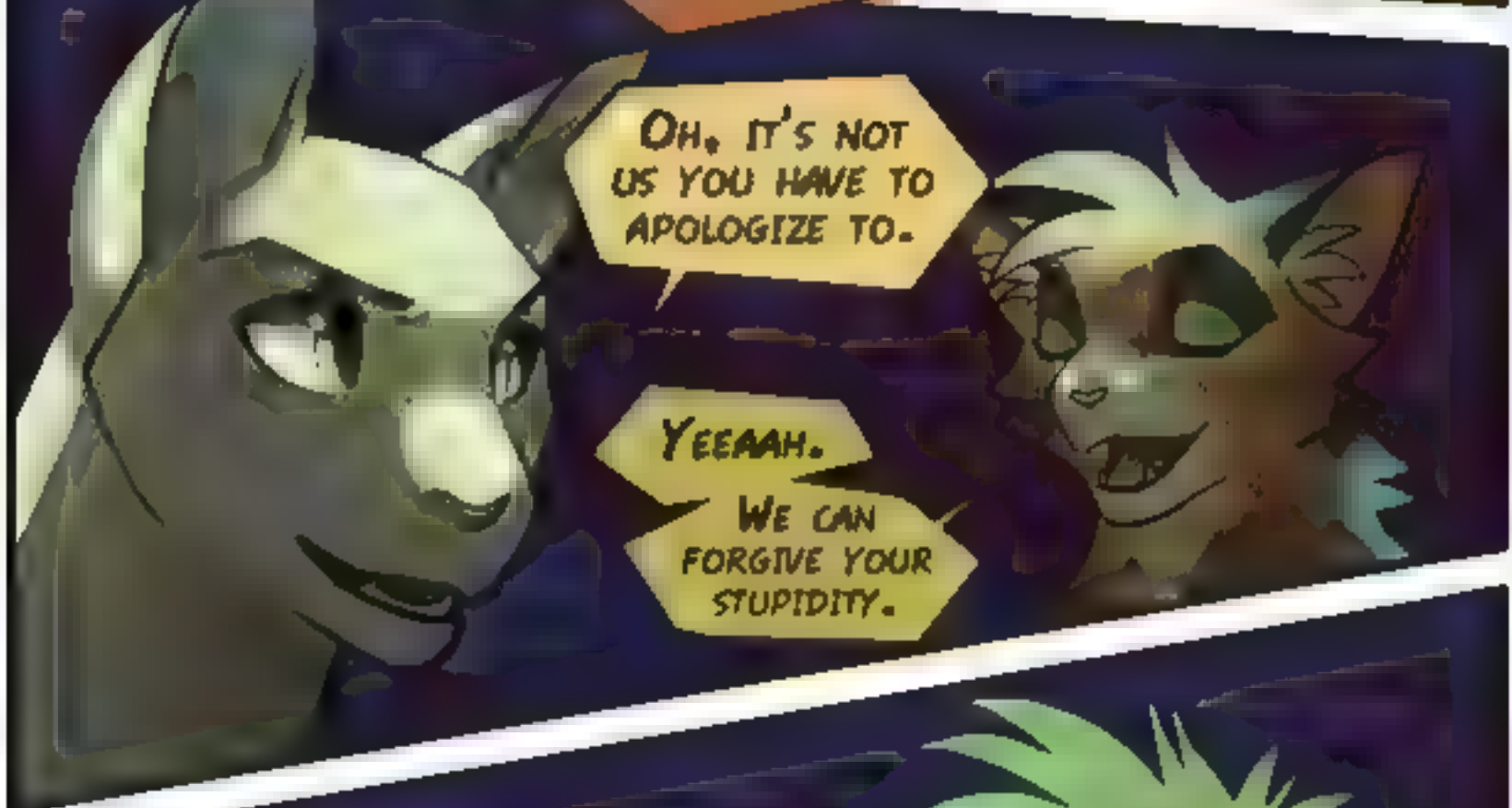
ARE YOU
QUESTIONING MY
DEPUTY?





YOU NEED TO
CONSIDER A DIFFERENT
APPROACH.

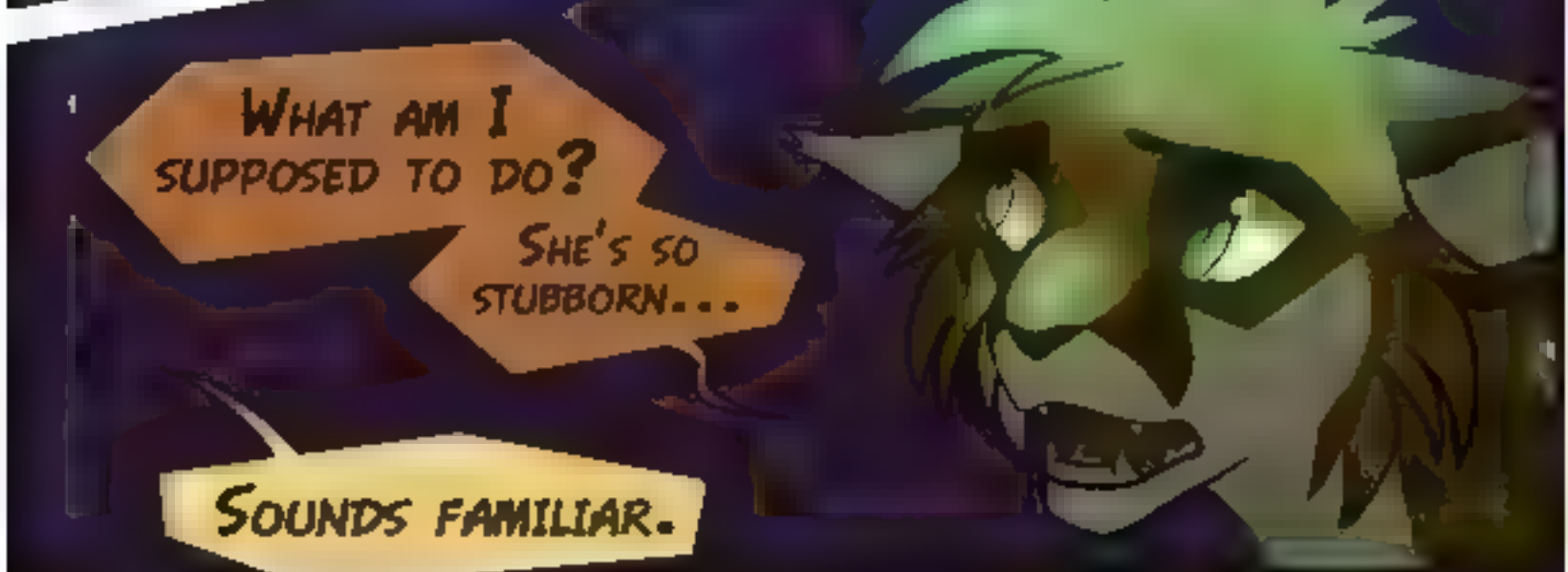
SORRY...



OH, IT'S NOT
US YOU HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE TO.

YEEAAH.

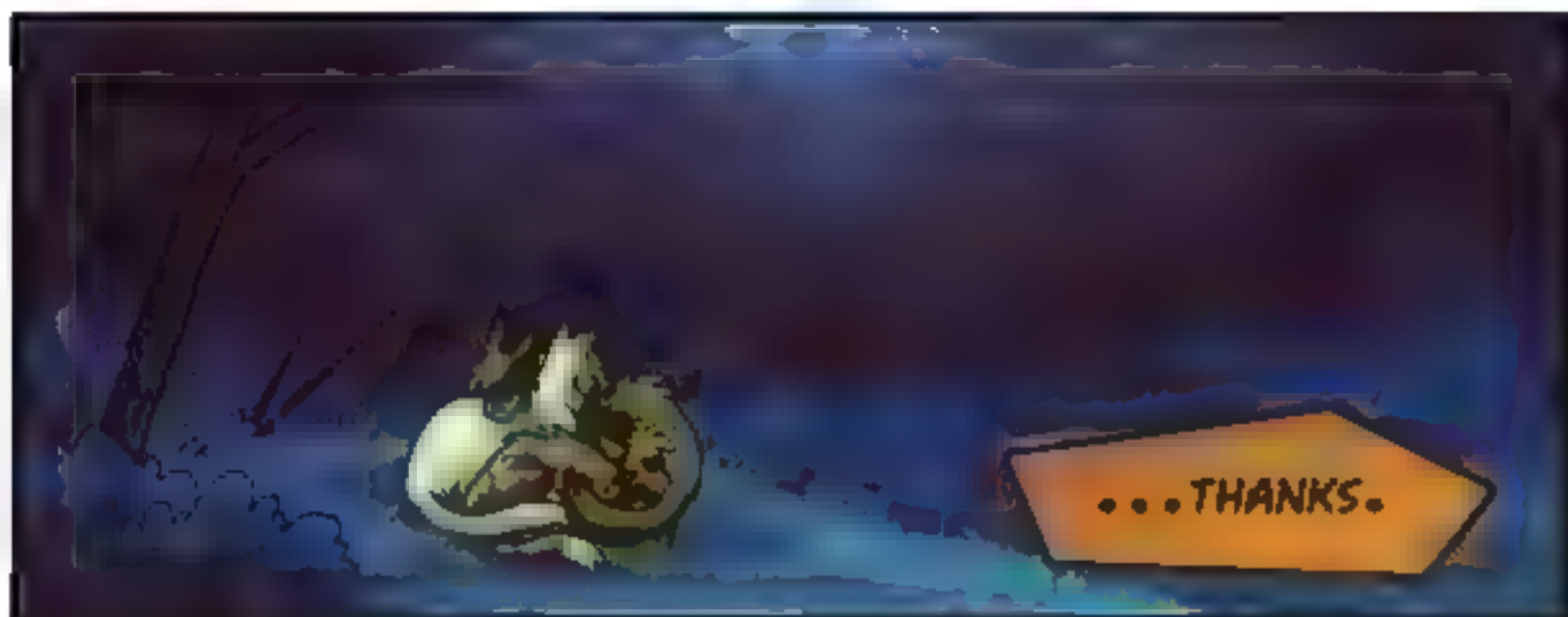
WE CAN
FORGIVE YOUR
STUPIDITY.

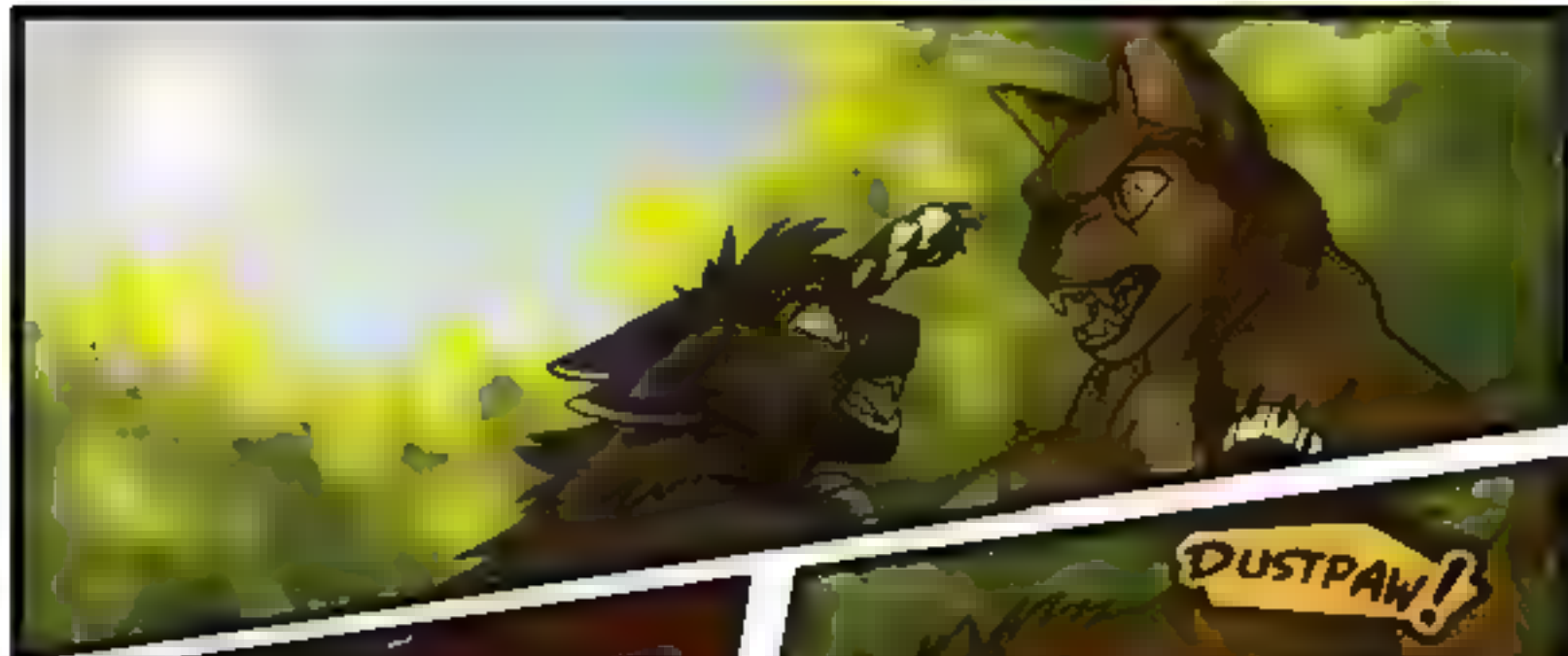



WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO DO?

SHE'S SO
STUBBORN...

SOUNDS FAMILIAR.









...ARE UNWORTHY
OF THEIR CLAN.


BUT THOSE WHO
RUN FROM A FIGHT...



I HOPE YOU WOULDN'T
BRING SUCH DISGRACE TO
YOUR CLAN, RAVENPAW.

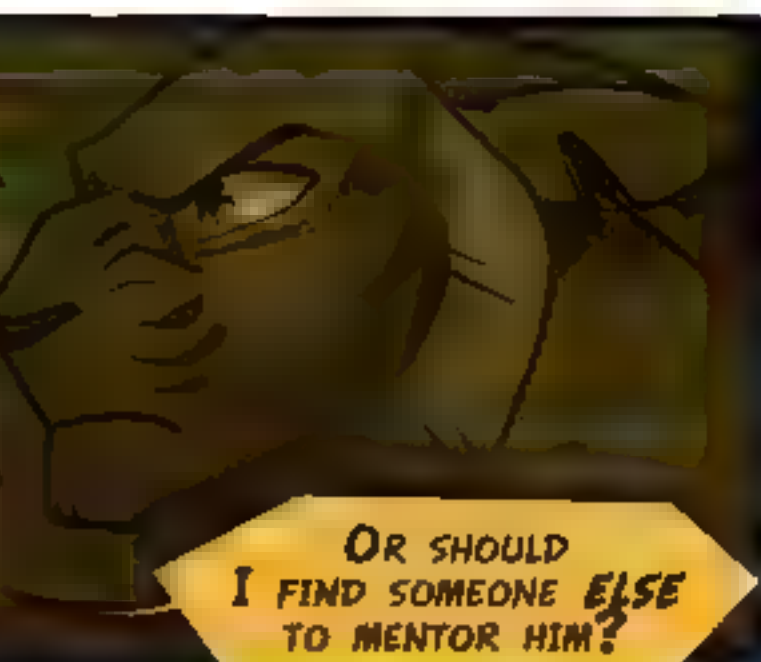


LIGHTEN UP,
TIGERCLAW. THIS IS
JUST TRAINING.

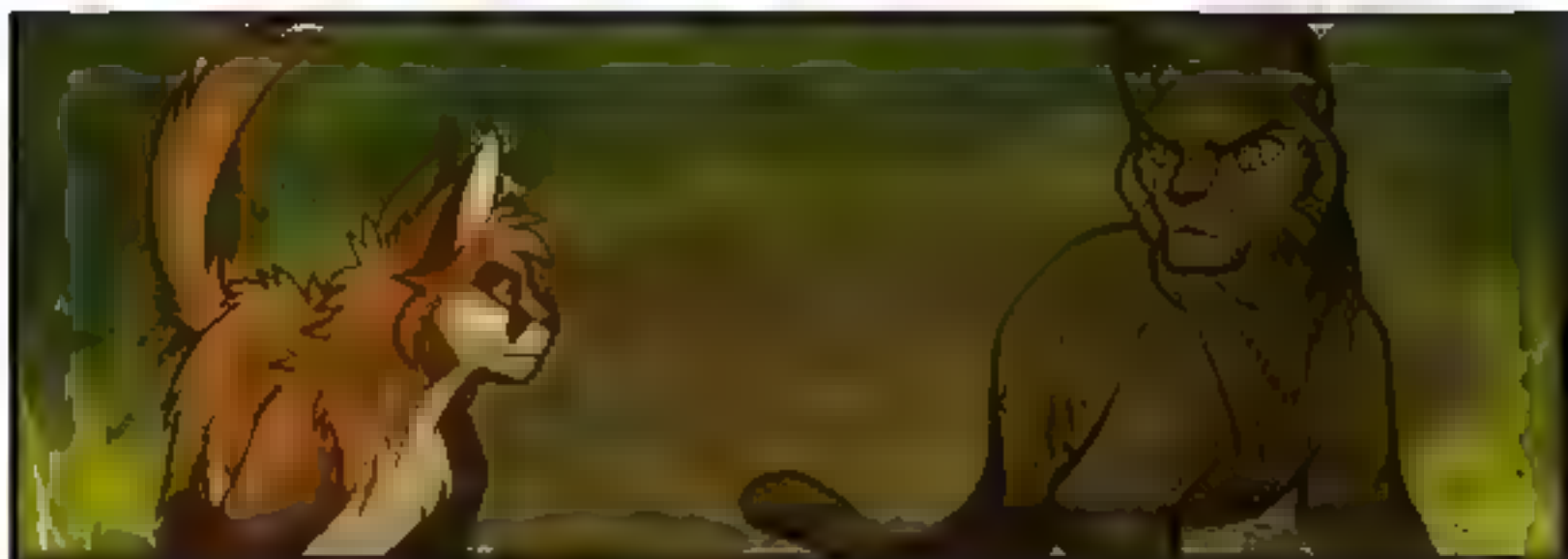
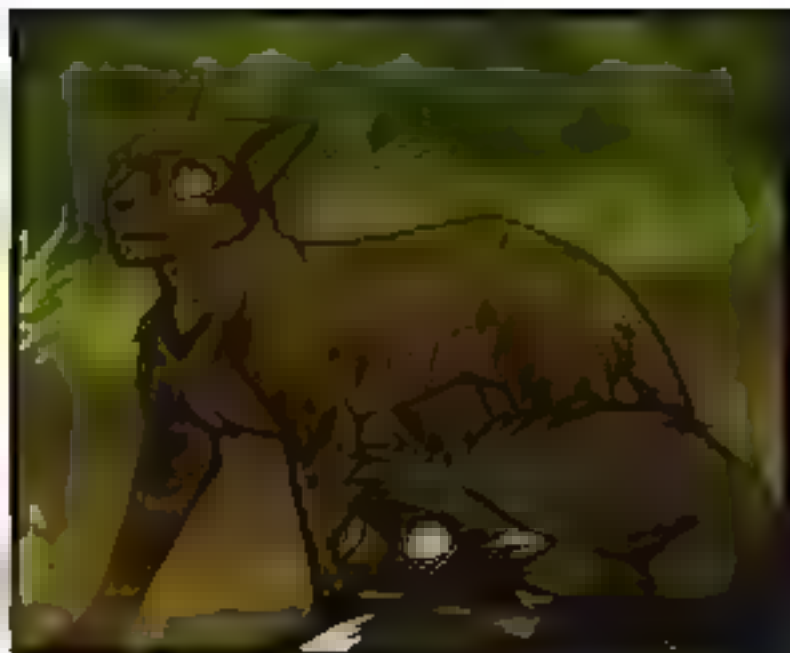


IT WON'T ALWAYS
BE. AND HE'S MY
APPRENTICE.

AND YOU
ARE UNDER MY
AUTHORITY.



OR SHOULD
I FIND SOMEONE ELSE
TO MENTOR HIM?





I SEE YOU'VE
FINALLY DECIDED
TO JOIN US.

WHITESTORM,
SANDPAW.

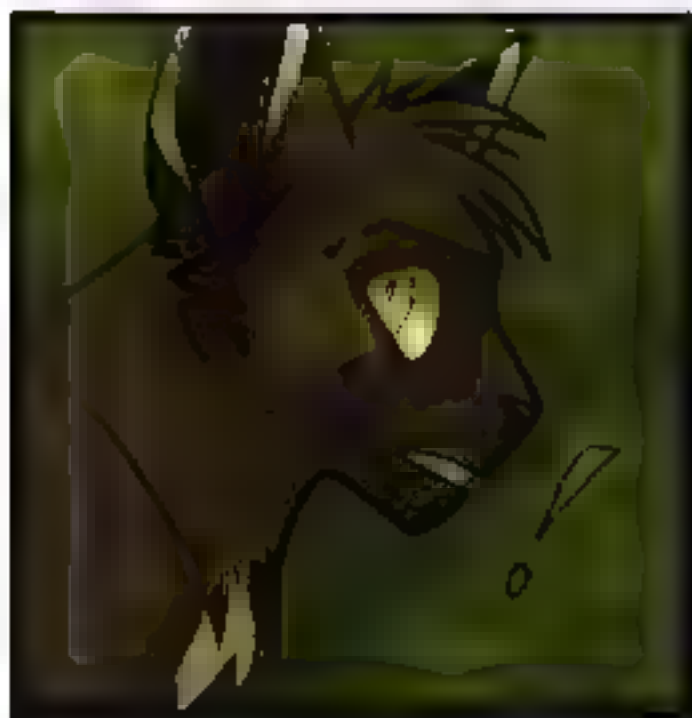


DUSTPAW WAS JUST
DEMONSTRATING HIS
FIGHTING SKILLS.

NOT BAD,
BUT HE COULD USE
SOME HELP.



WHY DON'T
YOU SHOW OFF
YOUR SKILLS,
SANDPAW?





WHAT--?

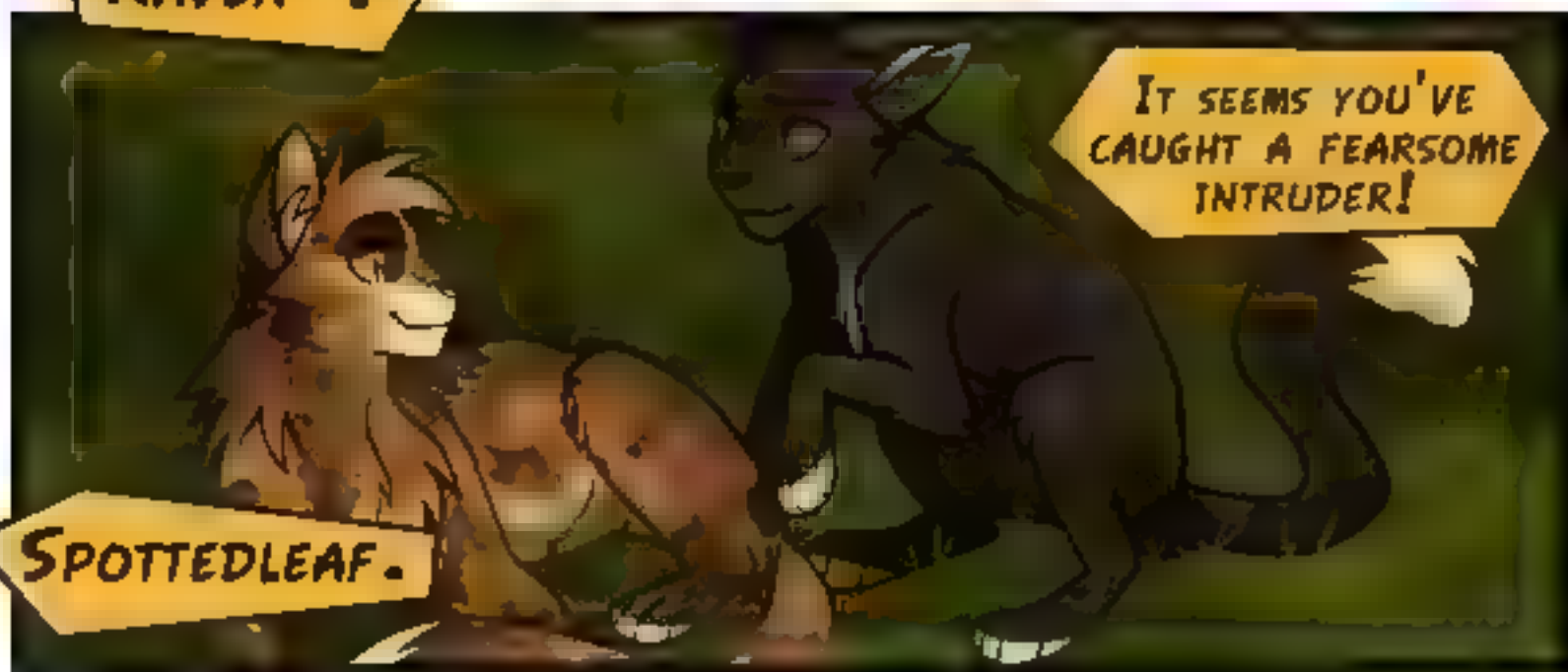




RAVEN--!



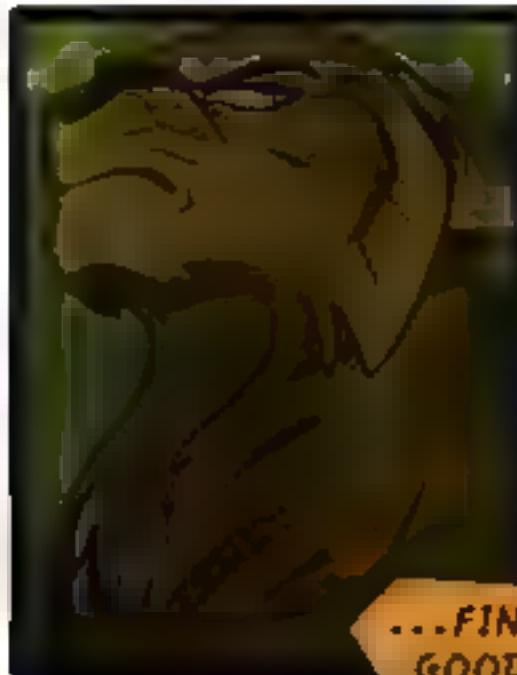
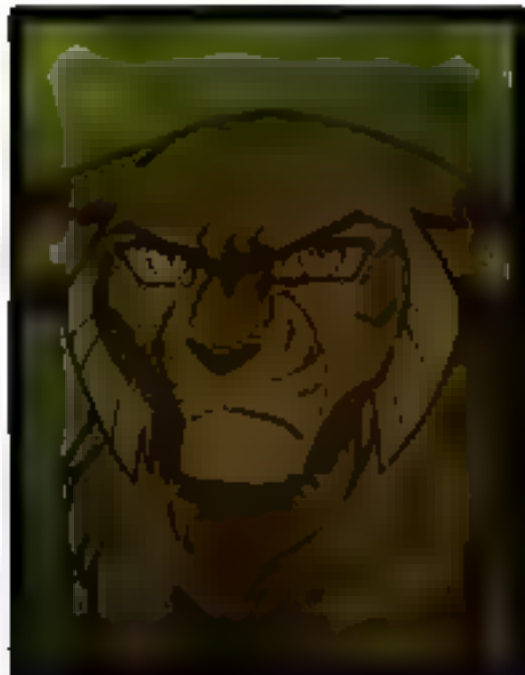
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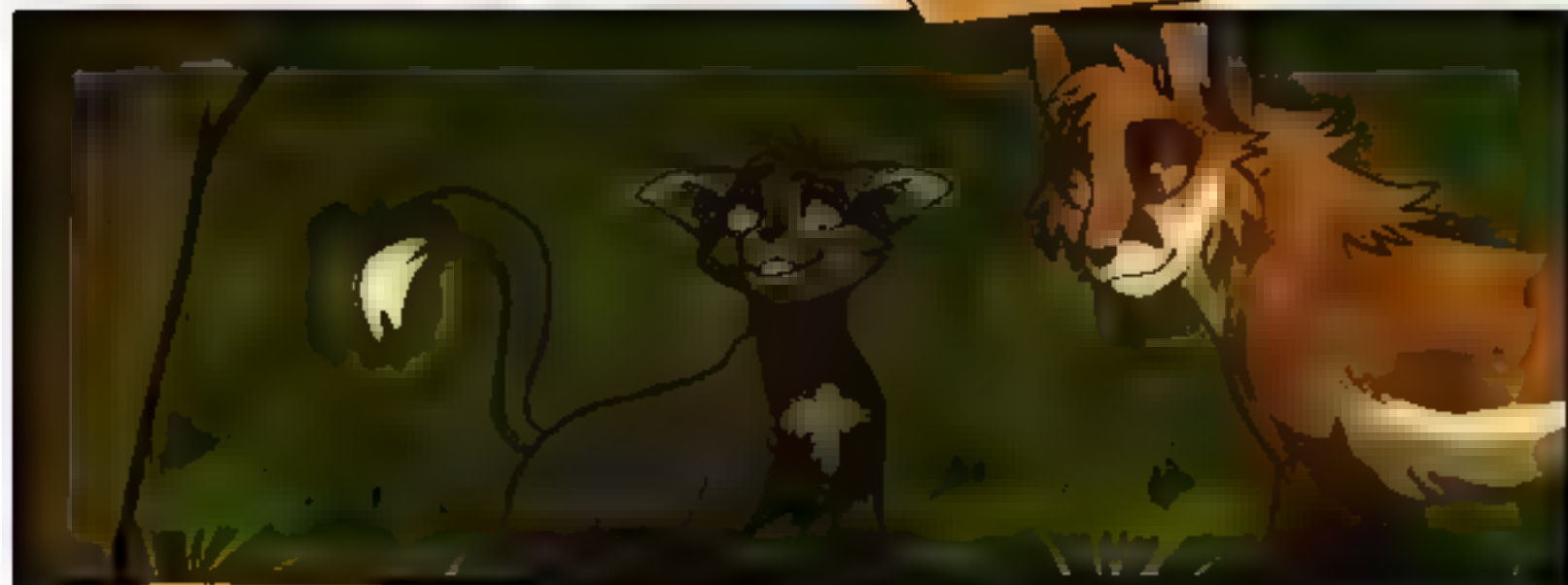
SPOTTEDLEAF.

IT SEEMS YOU'VE
CAUGHT A FEARSOME
INTRUDER!





...FINE, YES,
GOOD JOB.



WHY DON'T
YOU HEAD BACK TO
CAMP, GET YOURSELF
SOMETHING TO EAT?


WE'LL BE
ALONG SHORTLY.

OKAY!



YOU SPOIL HIM,
REDTAIL.

BETTER THAN
BULLYING HIM.



I THINK
TIGERCLAW'S RIGHT.

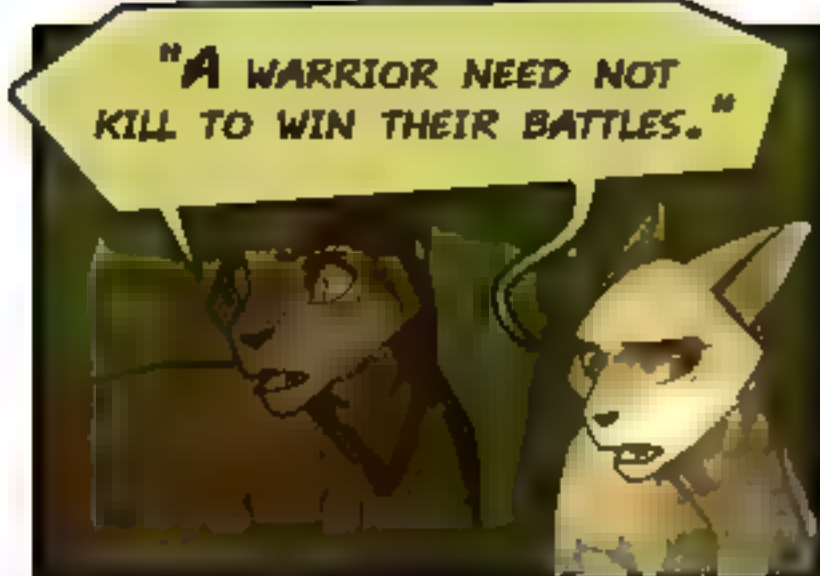
CAN WE AFFORD
TO PLAY NICE WHEN OUR
ENEMIES WON'T BE?




WE'RE BETTER
THAN OUR ENEMIES.

WE CAN ALWAYS
AFFORD MERCY.


NEVER FORGET THE
WARRIOR CODE.

A dark, moody scene with two anthropomorphic cats. On the left, a darker cat with a white patch on its chest looks towards the right. On the right, a lighter-colored cat with a white patch on its chest looks back. The background is dark and indistinct.


"A WARRIOR NEED NOT
KILL TO WIN THEIR BATTLES."

A dark, moody scene with two anthropomorphic cats. On the left, a darker cat with a white patch on its chest looks towards the right. On the right, a lighter-colored cat with a white patch on its chest looks back. The background is dark and indistinct.


...BUT WHAT IF
YOU HAVE TO?

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WHAT IF IT'S
EITHER THEM OR YOU

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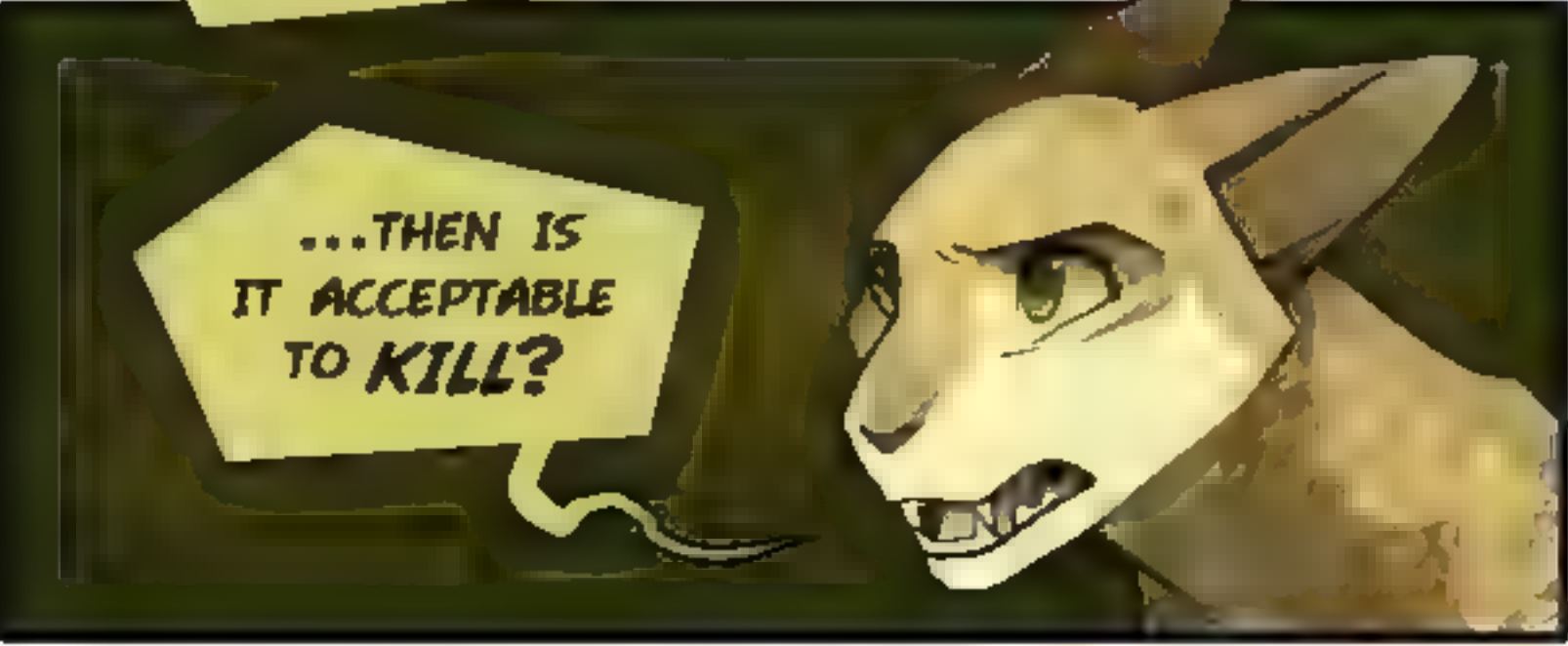
AND THEY'RE
NOT ABOUT TO LET
YOU GET AWAY

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YOU DON'T
HAVE A CHOICE

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IF THEY'RE
JUST GONNA HURT
EVERYBODY...

A close-up of a light-colored cat's face. The cat has a white patch on its chest and is looking slightly to the left with a determined expression. Its mouth is slightly open, showing its teeth.

...THEN IS
IT ACCEPTABLE
TO **KILL**?



...IDEALLY, IT'S
STILL A NO. YOU SHOULD
NEVER BE PUT IN THAT
SITUATION.

WHY ARE YOU
THINKING ABOUT THAT
KIND OF THING?

I GUESS...

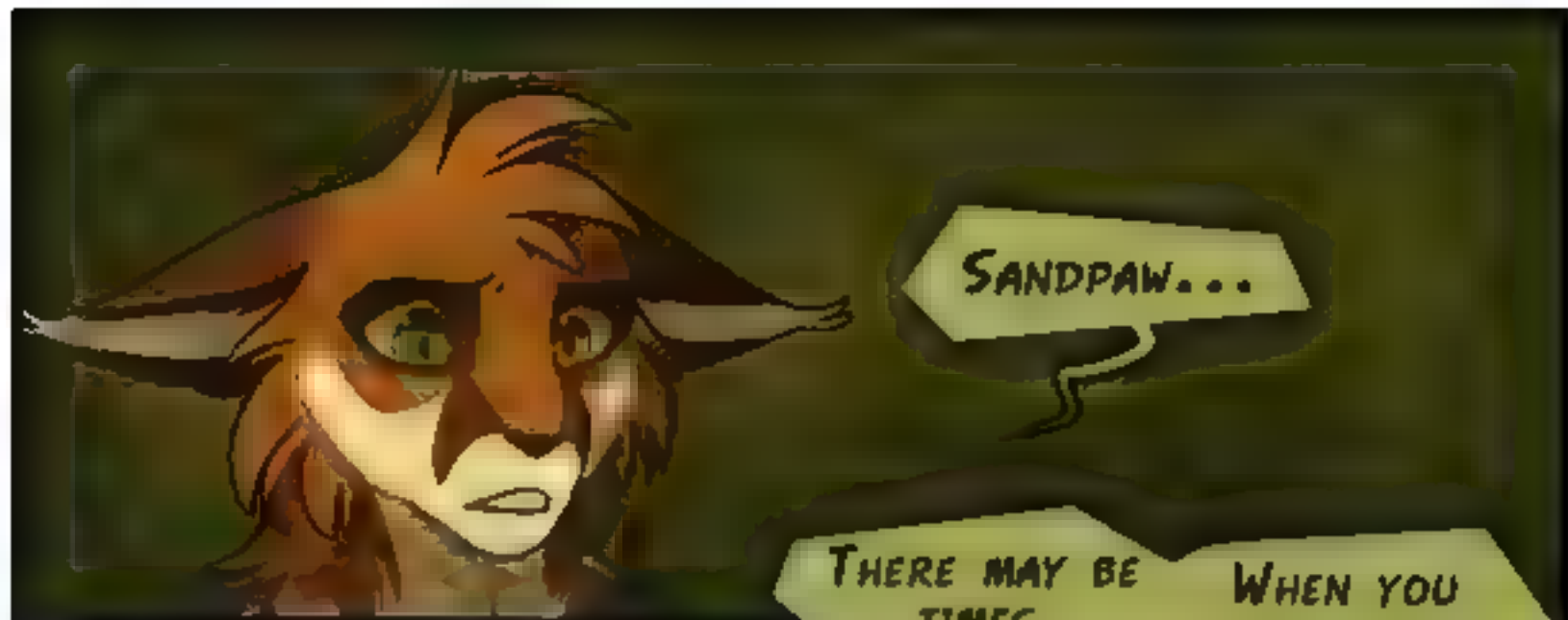
WE JUST
HEAR ALL THESE
STORIES...

ABOUT ROGUES,
OTHER CLANS...

...EVEN KITTYPETS.

IF ANYONE TRIES
TO HURT MY CLAN,
I'LL...!

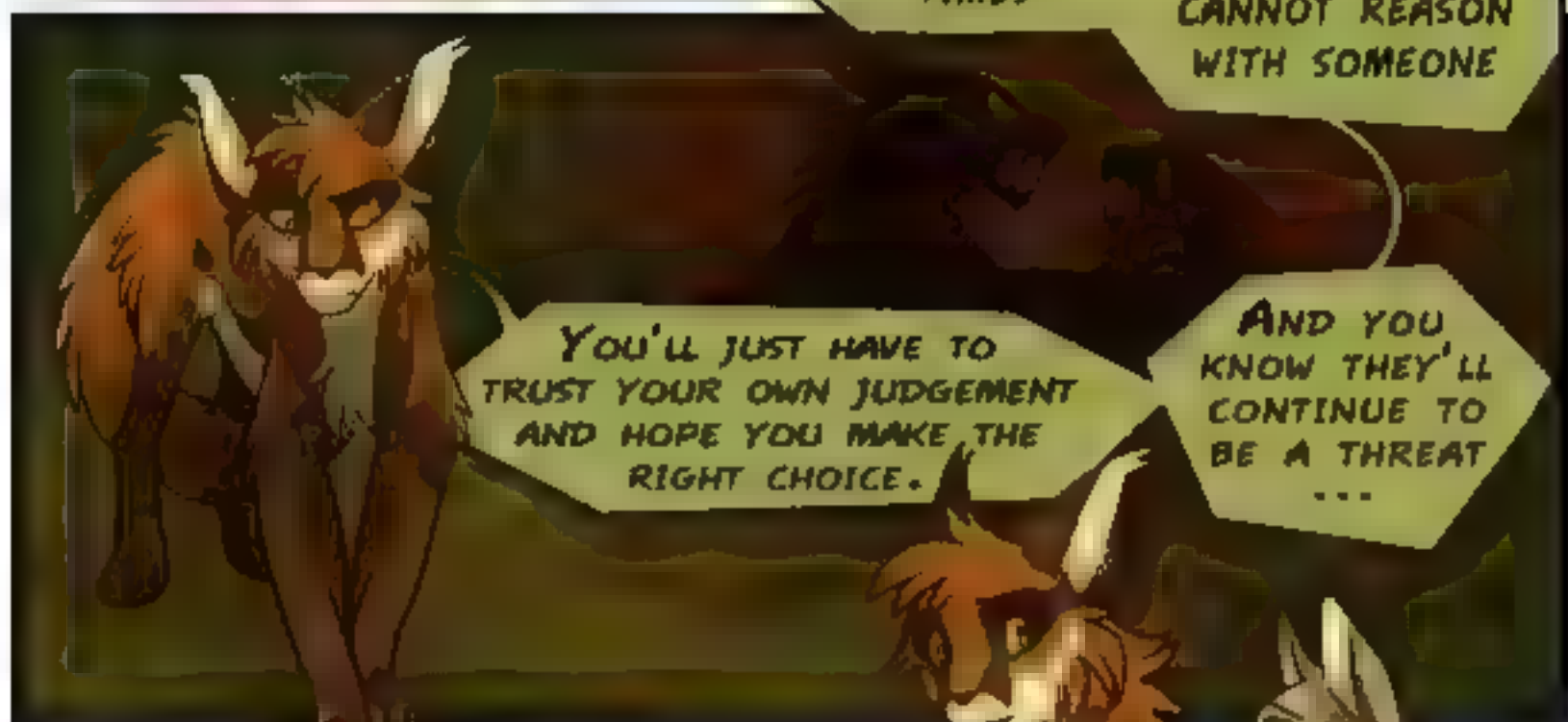
I'LL KILL THEM!



SANDPAW...

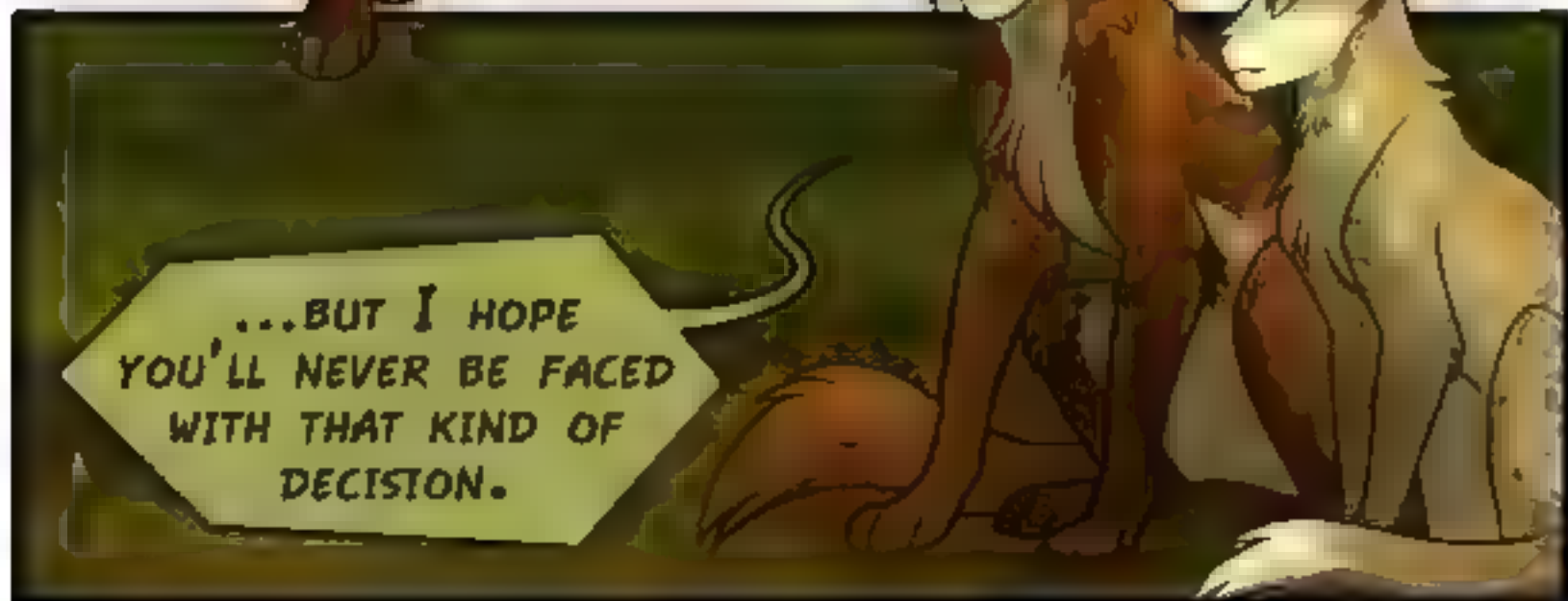
THERE MAY BE
TIMES

WHEN YOU
CANNOT REASON
WITH SOMEONE

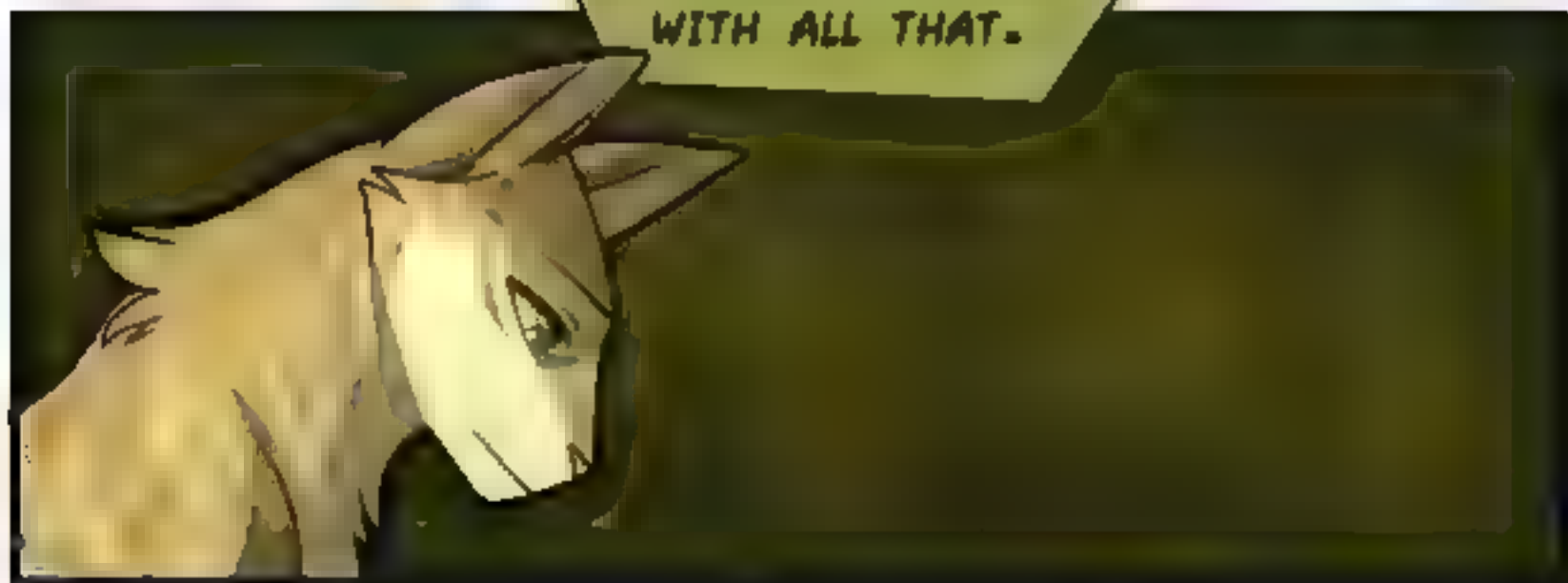


YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO
TRUST YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT
AND HOPE YOU MAKE THE
RIGHT CHOICE.

AND YOU
KNOW THEY'LL
CONTINUE TO
BE A THREAT
...



...BUT I HOPE
YOU'LL NEVER BE FACED
WITH THAT KIND OF
DECISION.







ARE YOU SAYING WHITESTORM
COULDN'T BE DEPUTY?

WELL, IF HE MADE A
BETTER DEPUTY, HE WOULD
BE DEPUTY!

WHAT, DO YOU
NOT TRUST BLUESTAR'S
JUDGEMENT?

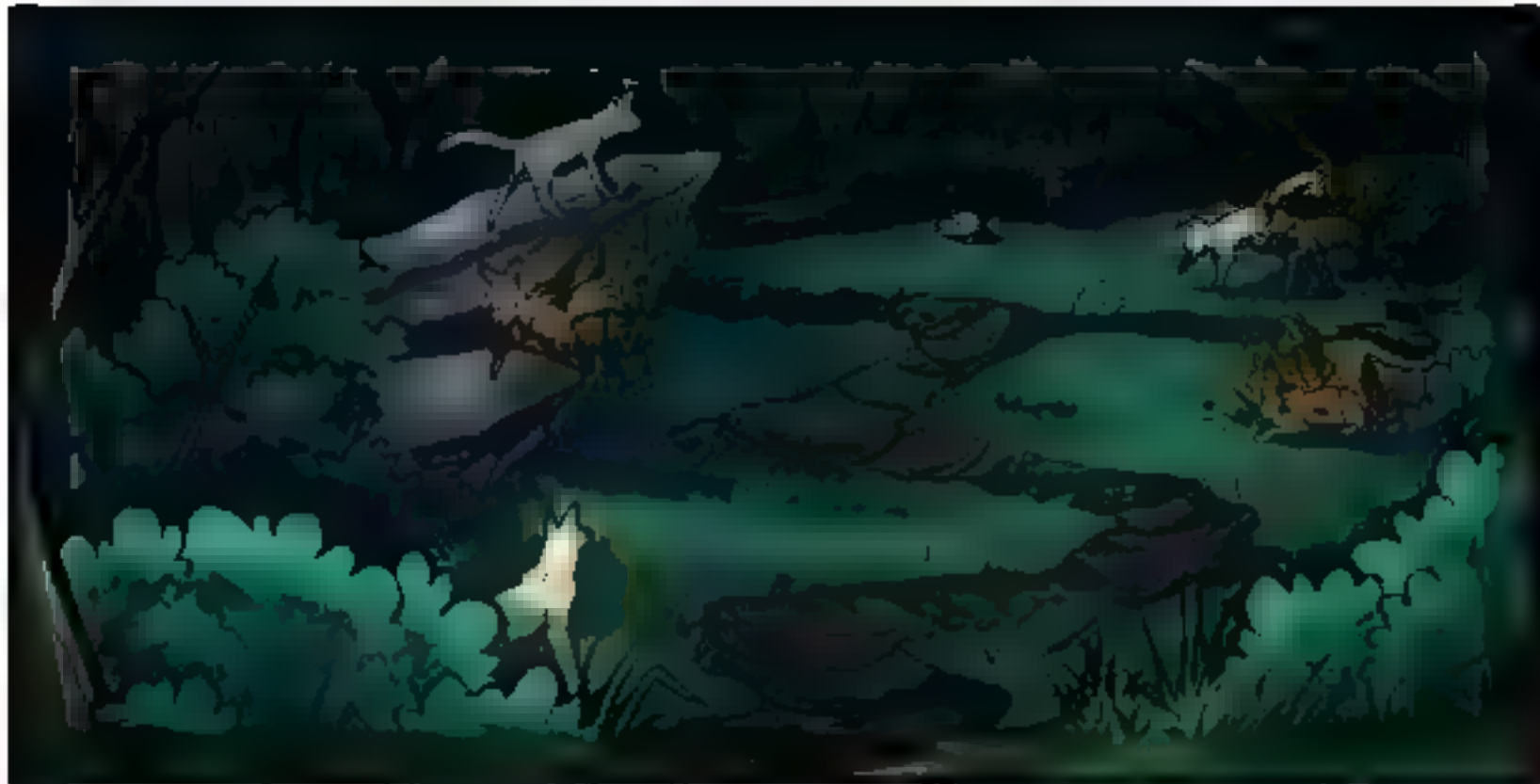


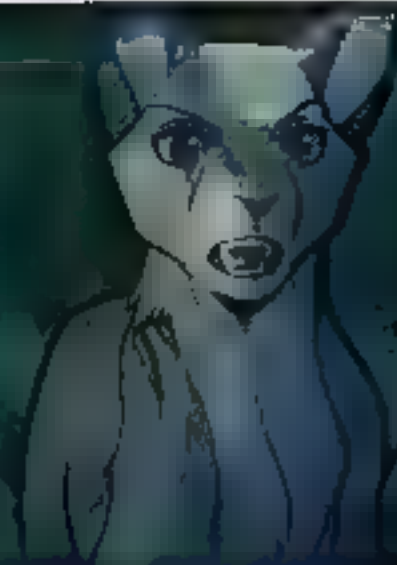
SEE?

THEY BELIEVE
IN YOU.



WHY DON'T YOU?





I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL AWARE
OF THE ATTACK ON THE SHADOWCLAN
BORDER YESTERDAY.

WE WILL CONFRONT
THEM TONIGHT.

BLACKFOOT'S MENTION OF
A NEW LEADER HAS ME CONCERNED
FOR THIS GATHERING

WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS.
AT LEAST UNTIL WE KNOW MORE. WE
CANNOT AFFORD A MISTAKE.

WHITESTORM

TIGERCLAW

DARKSTRIPE

WILLOWPELT

BRINDLEFACE


GOLDENFLOWER

PATCHPELT

SMALLEAR


ONE-EYE

WE'LL HEAD OUT NOW.

A scene in a dark forest at night. Three cats are visible. On the right, a white cat with a blue patch on its chest stands looking towards the left. In the center, a dark brown cat with a white patch on its chest is looking down. On the left, a brown cat is partially visible.

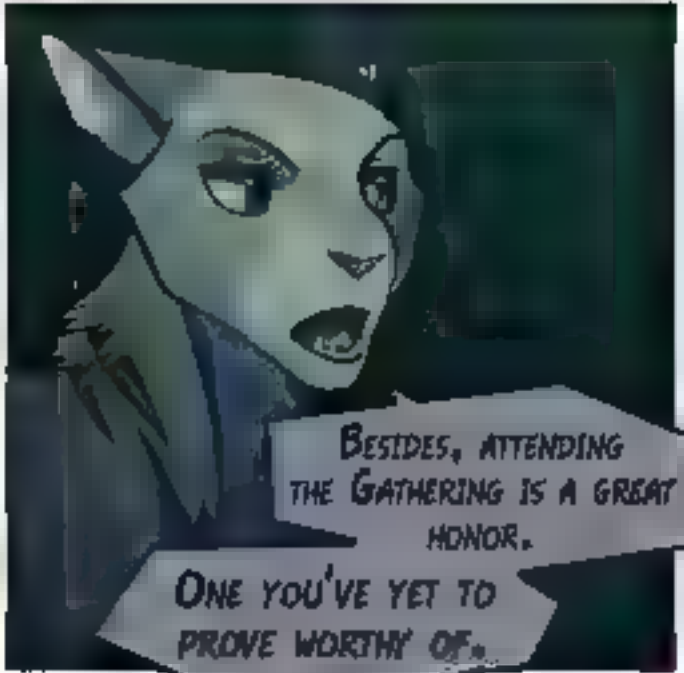
HEY, WHAT ABOUT US?

WON'T THE OTHER CLANS
THINK WE'RE WEAK IF YOU DON'T
BRING ANY APPRENTICES?

A scene in a dark forest at night. A white cat with a blue patch on its chest is on the right, looking towards the left. A brown cat with a white patch on its chest is on the left, looking towards the white cat. The background is dark and rocky.


SHADOWCLAN IS CURRENTLY
UNPREDICTABLE. THE GATHERING
MAY BE DANGEROUS.

HEY, IT'S OKAY,
THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT
MOON.


A close-up of a white cat with a blue patch on its chest. The cat has a surprised or excited expression, with its mouth open and eyes wide. The background is dark and blurry.

BESIDES, ATTENDING
THE GATHERING IS A GREAT
HONOR.

ONE YOU'VE YET TO
PROVE WORTHY OF.

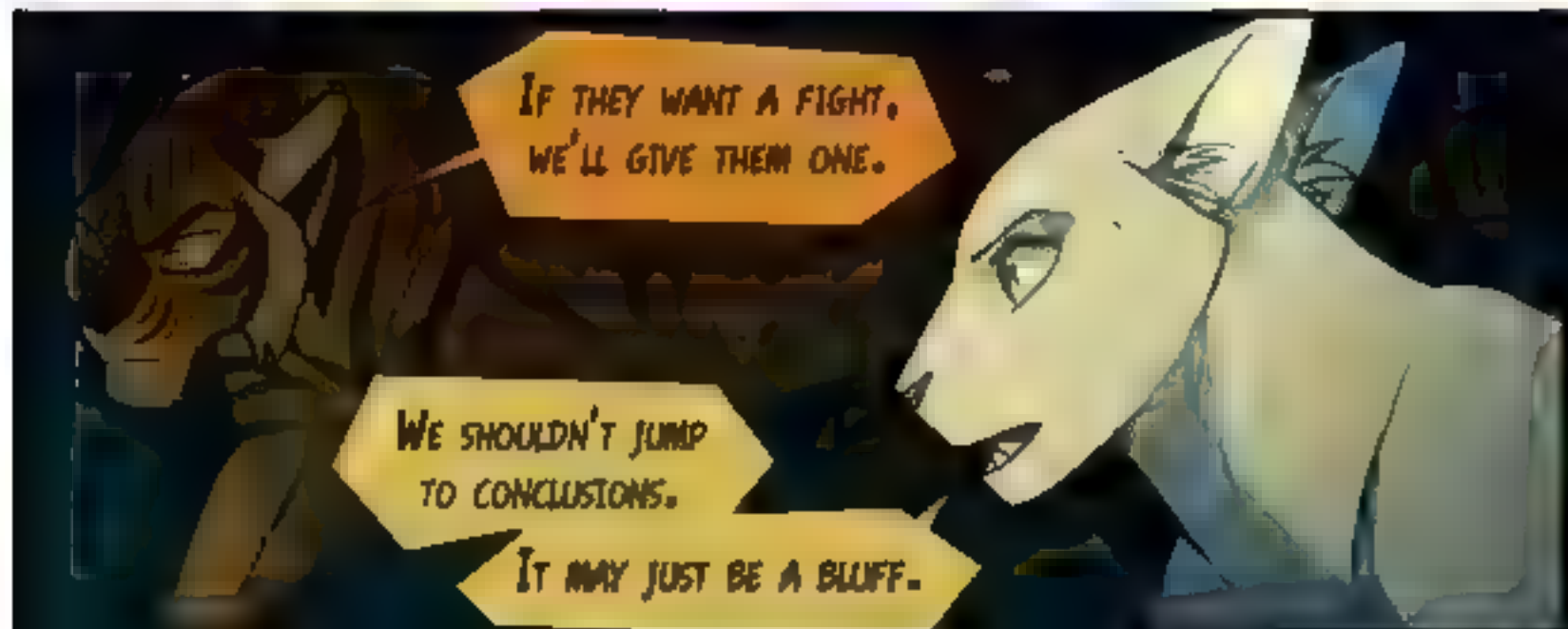
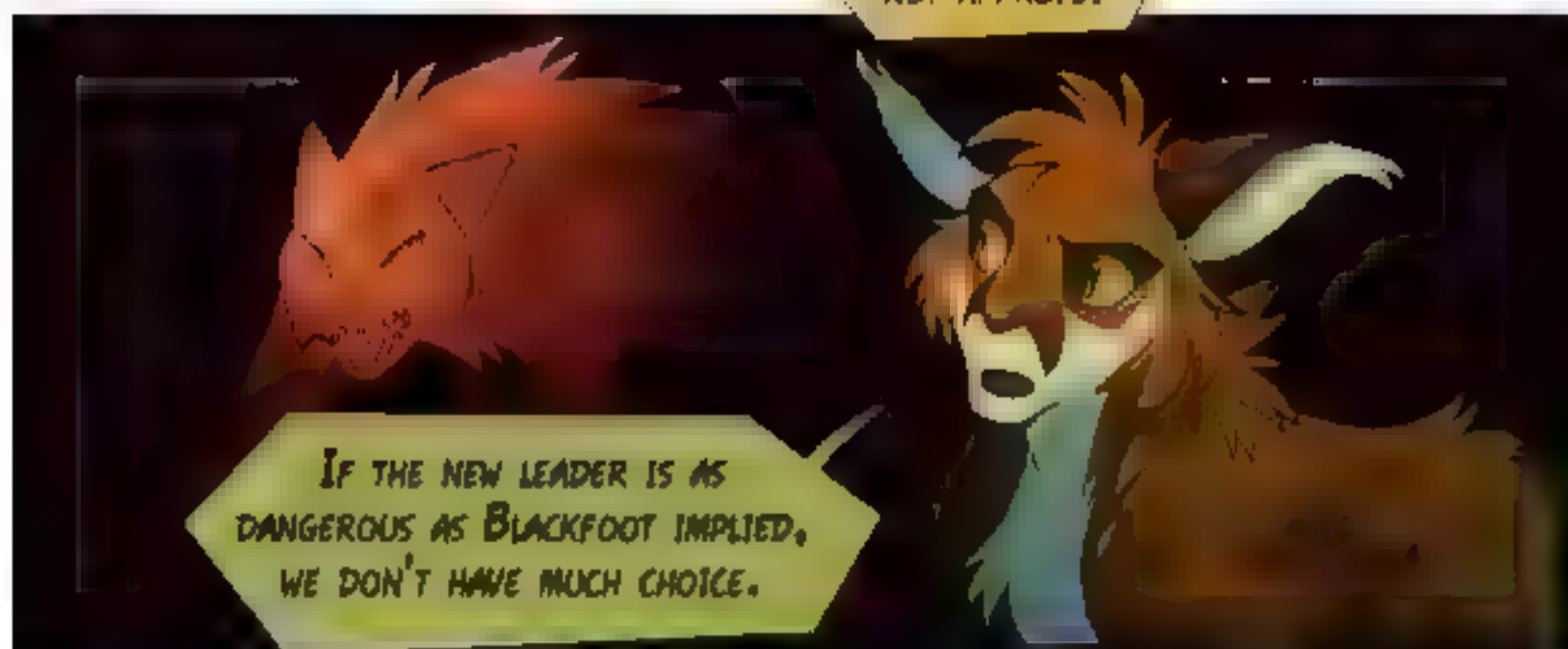
A cat with orange and white fur is jumping over a dark, rocky ledge. The background is dark and moody, with some foliage visible.

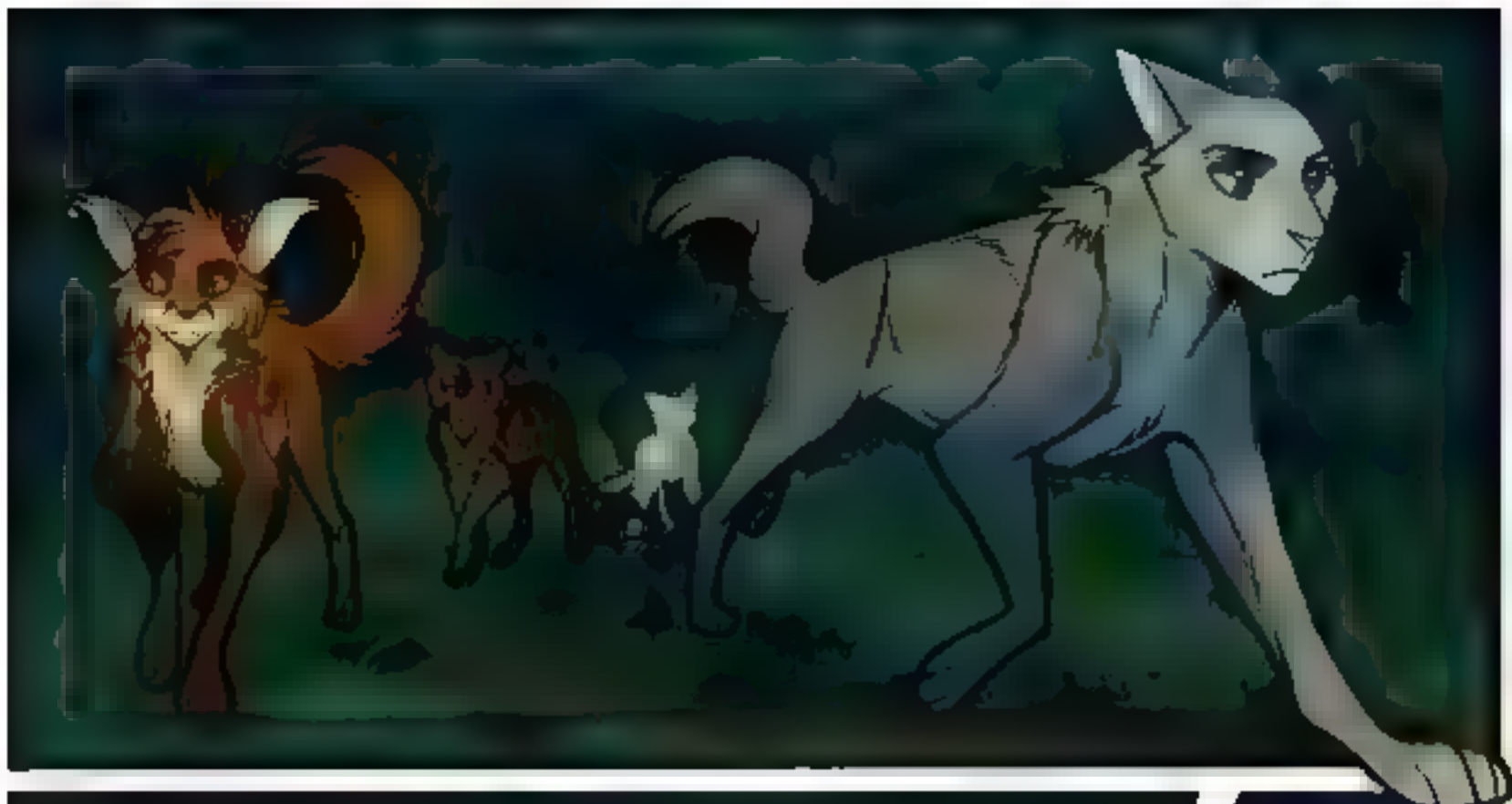
GOOD LUCK AT THE
GATHERING, REDTAIL.

Two cats are standing on a rocky surface. The cat on the left is light-colored with a white chest and a white patch on its face. The cat on the right is orange and white. They are both looking at each other. The background is dark and rocky.

THANKS,
LIONHEART!

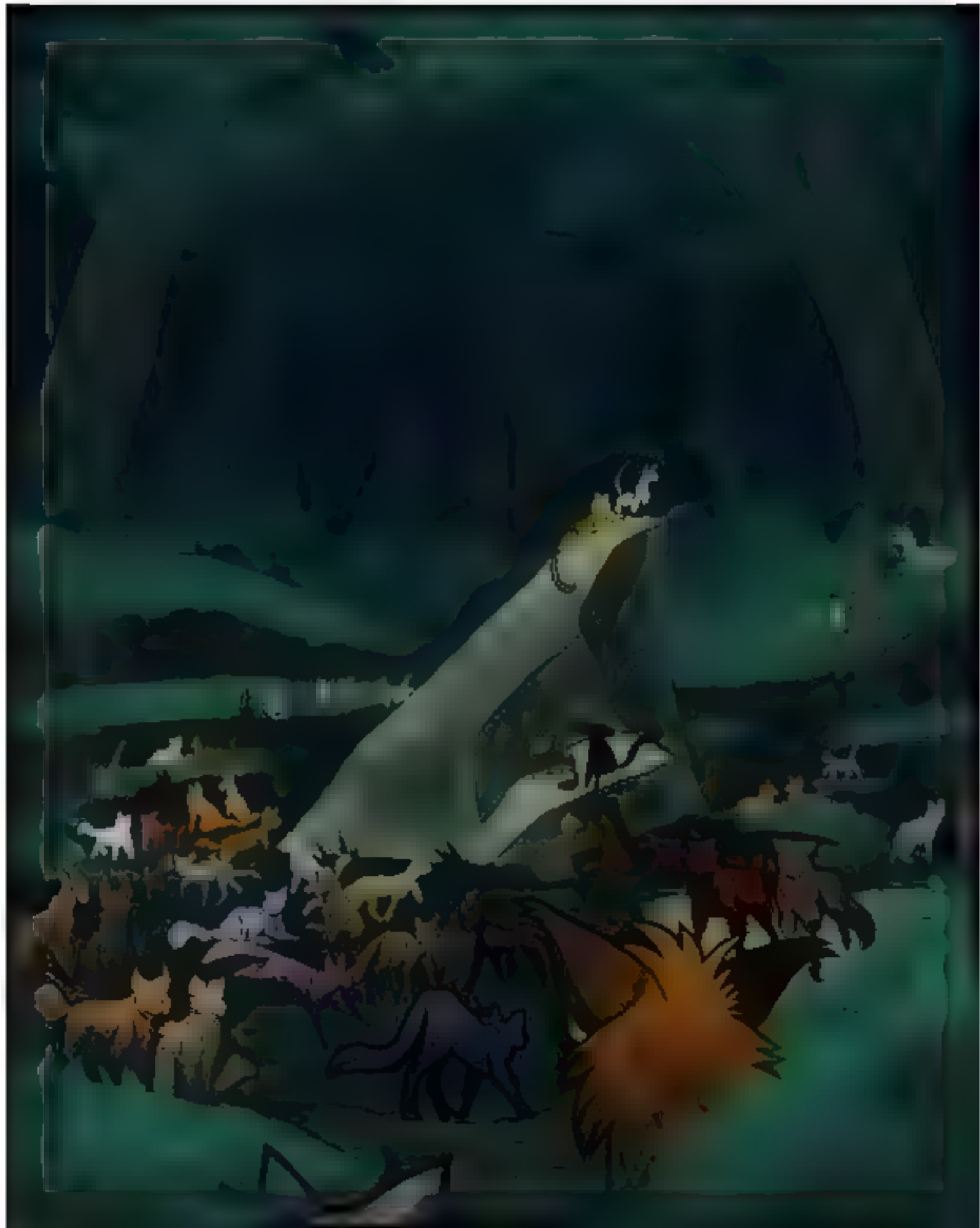
GOOD LUCK WITH
THE APPRENTICES!



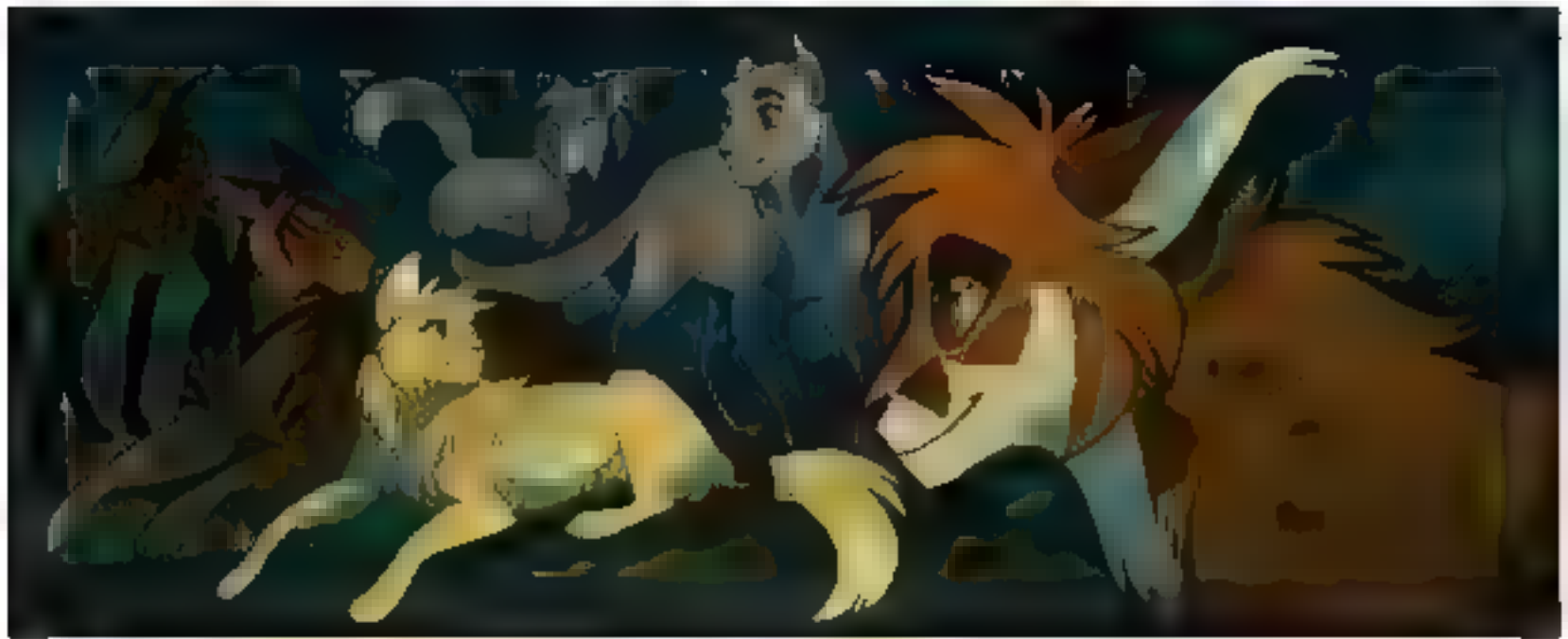
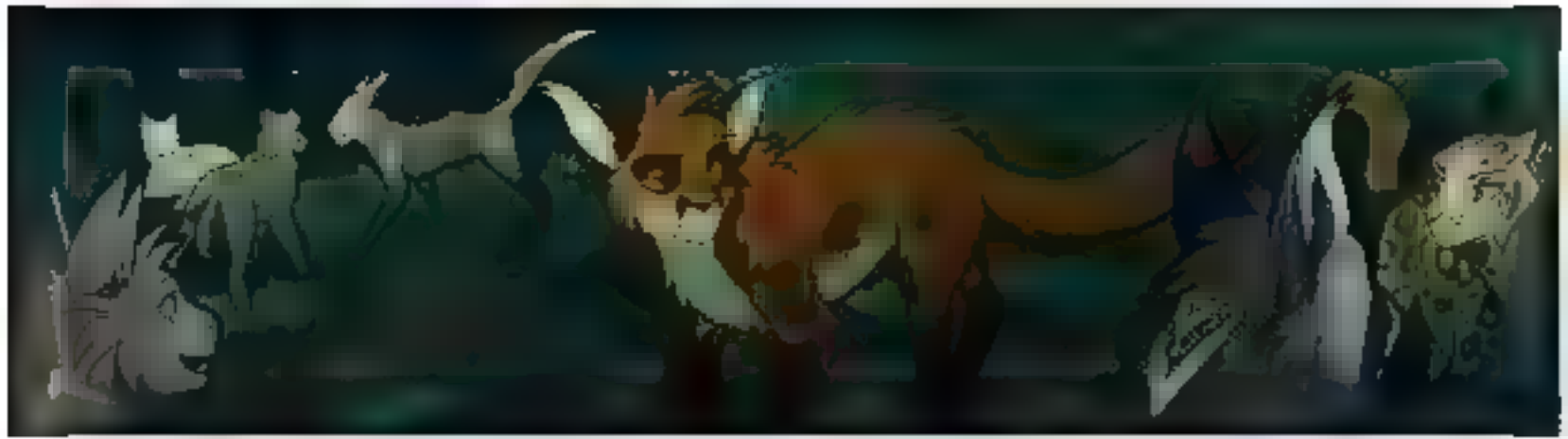


WE'LL FIND OUT
SOON ENOUGH.











IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

I DIDN'T SEE YOU AT
THE LAST GATHERING.

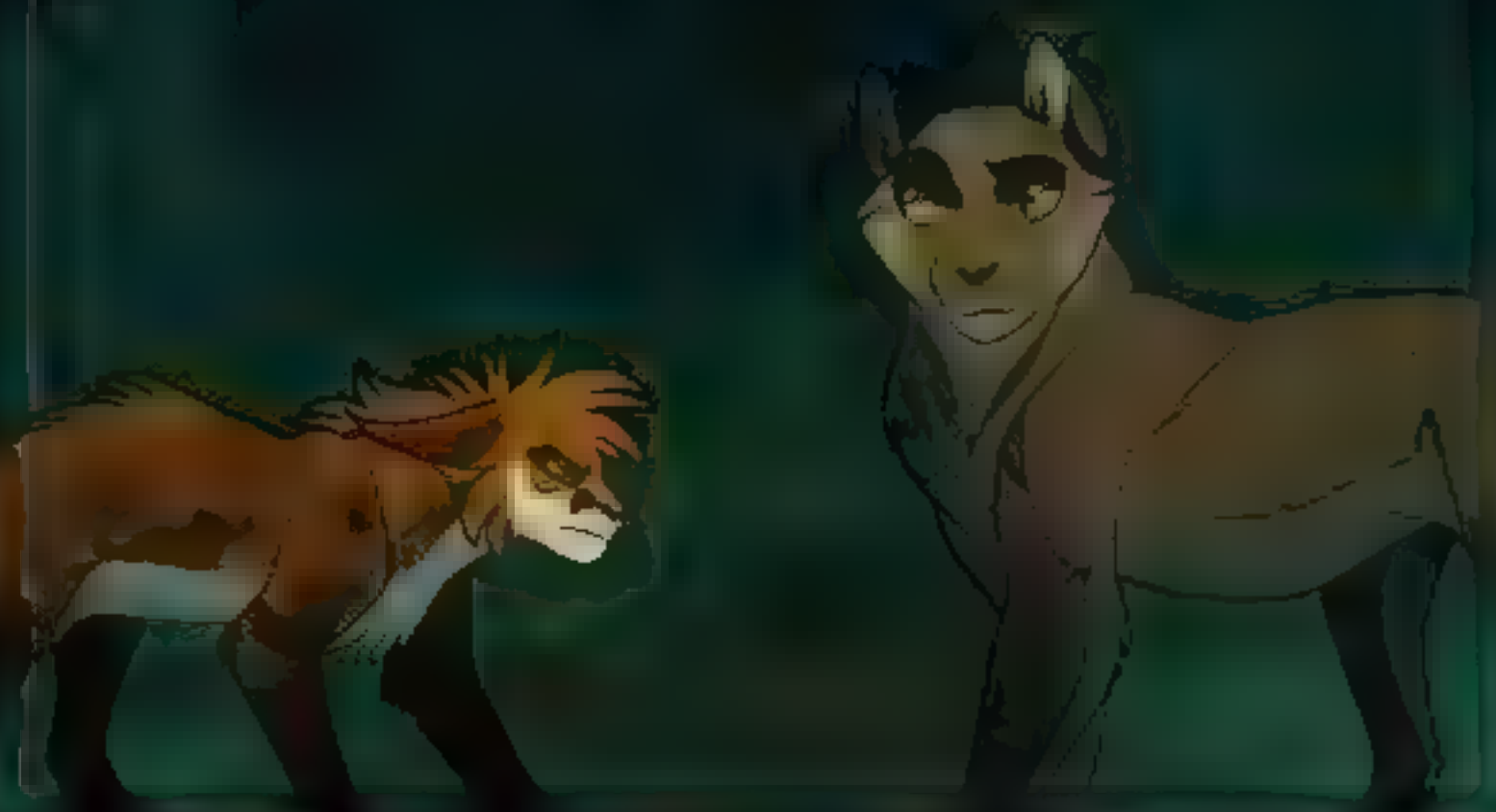
HOW ARE THINGS
IN THUNDERCLAN?


WE'RE FINE,
OAKHEART.



AND BLUESTAR? SHE'S WELL?

WHY DO YOU CARE.





DESPITE OUR
DIFFERENCES, I DO RESPECT
MY NEIGHBORS.



AND YOURS IS A WISE
AND INTELLIGENT LEADER.

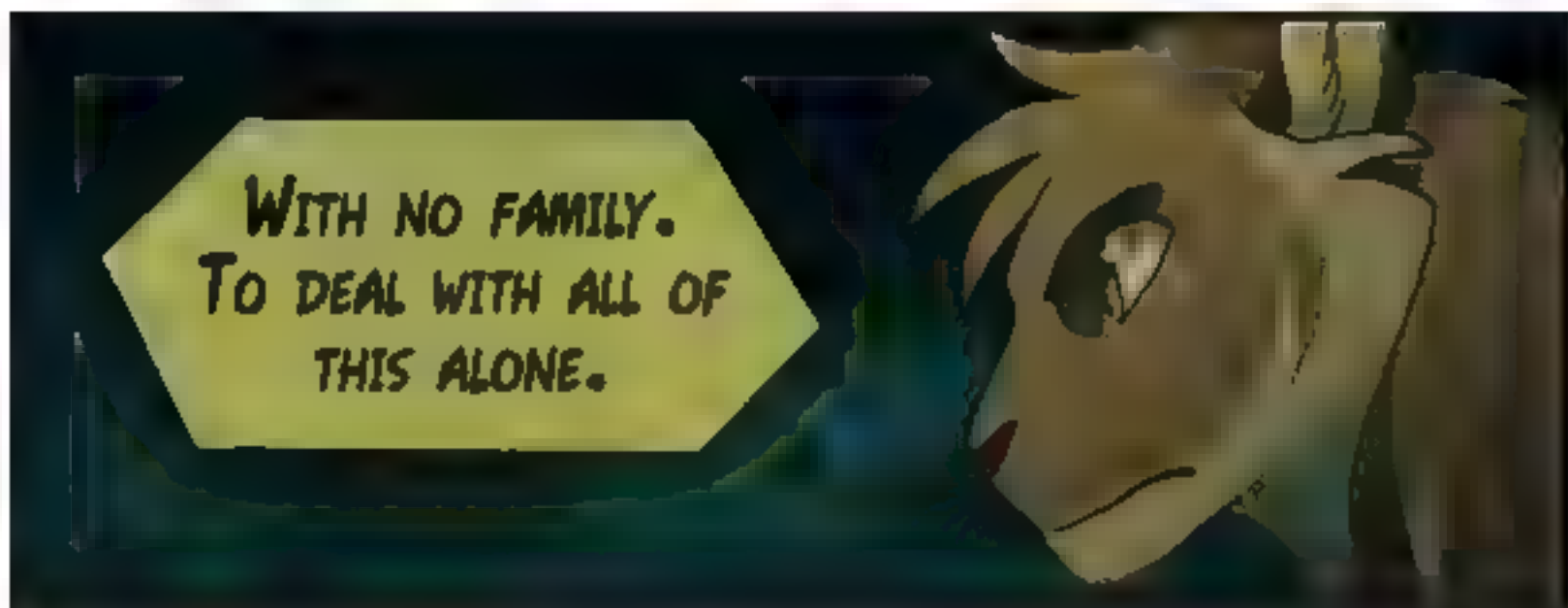
I HOPE SHE
CONTINUES TO LEAD
YOUR CLAN WELL.



THEN WHY DID YOU
LEAVE HER?



....I'M SORRY?





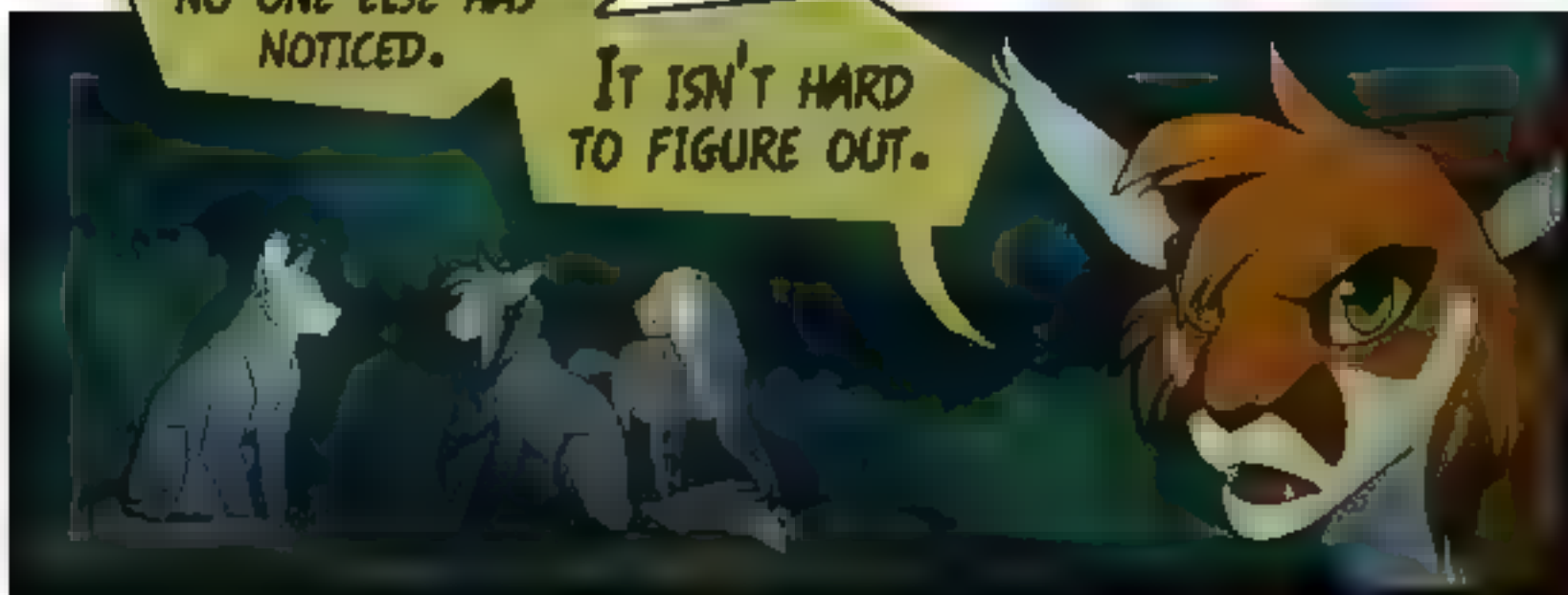
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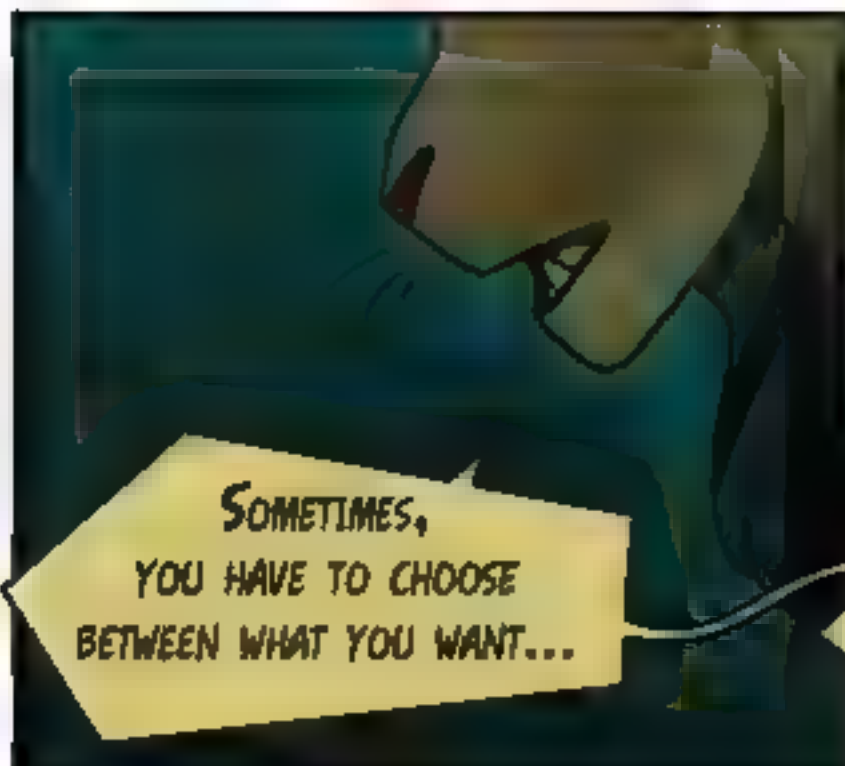
HOW LONG HAVE
YOU KNOWN?

ABOUT A MOON.

YOU'RE LUCKY
NO ONE ELSE HAS
NOTICED.

IT ISN'T HARD
TO FIGURE OUT.

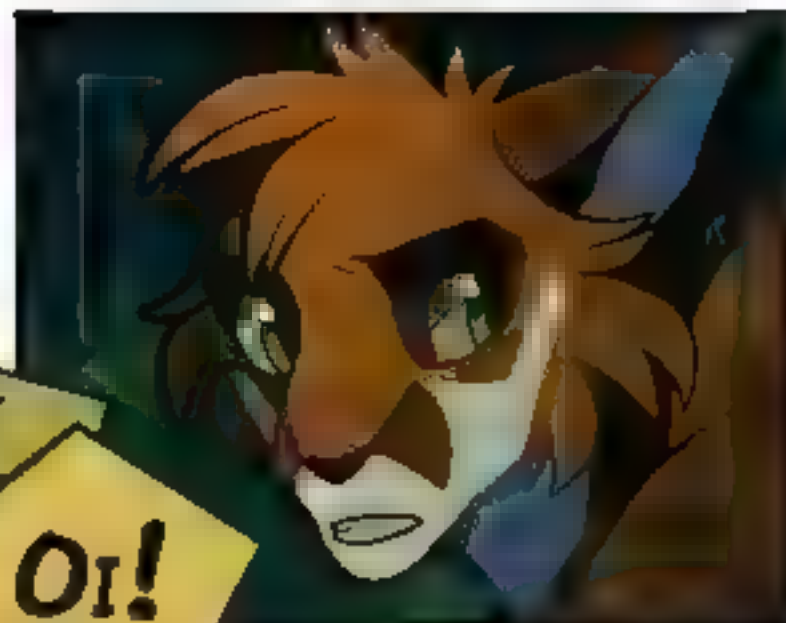






YOU DON'T
SERIOUSLY--

OI!



HEY,
OAKHEART!

IS MY DEPUTY
BOTHERING YOU?



IT'S NOT A
PROBLEM.

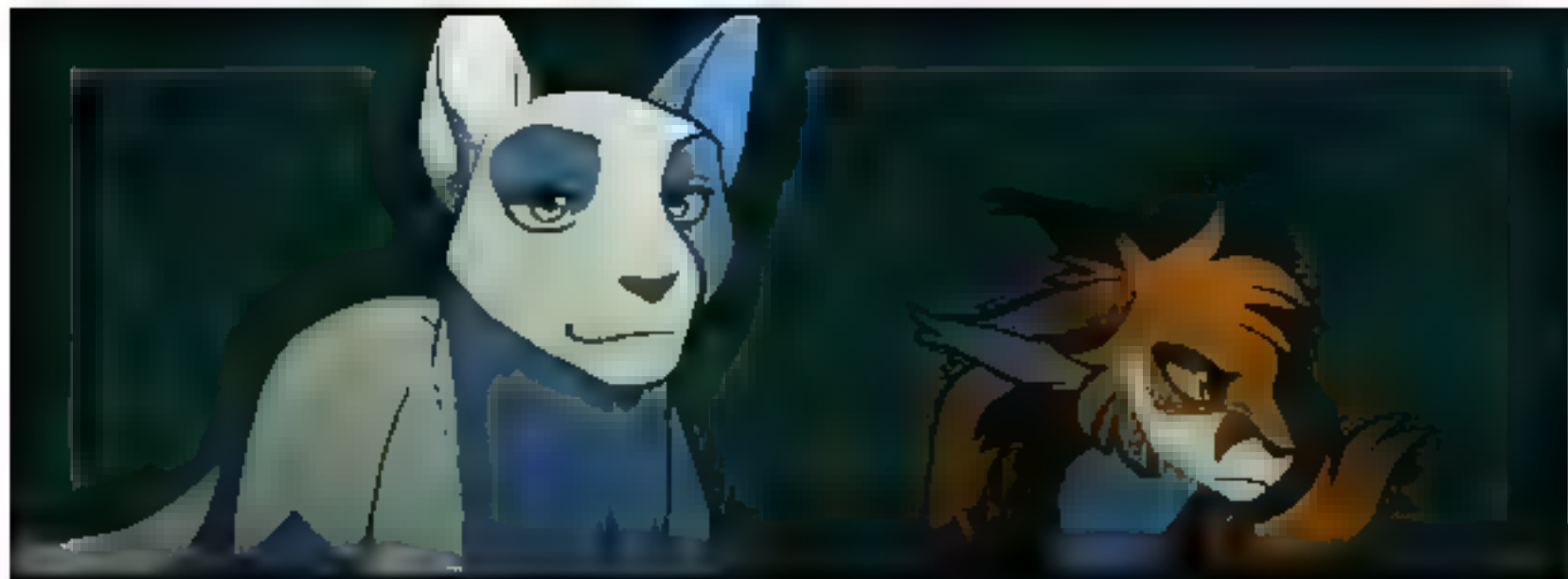
THANKS FOR
COMING BY.

OF COURSE! IT'S
ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE
YOU, OAKHEART.



I HOPE NOT TO CATCH
YOU AT OUR BORDERS!


SAME TO YOU!





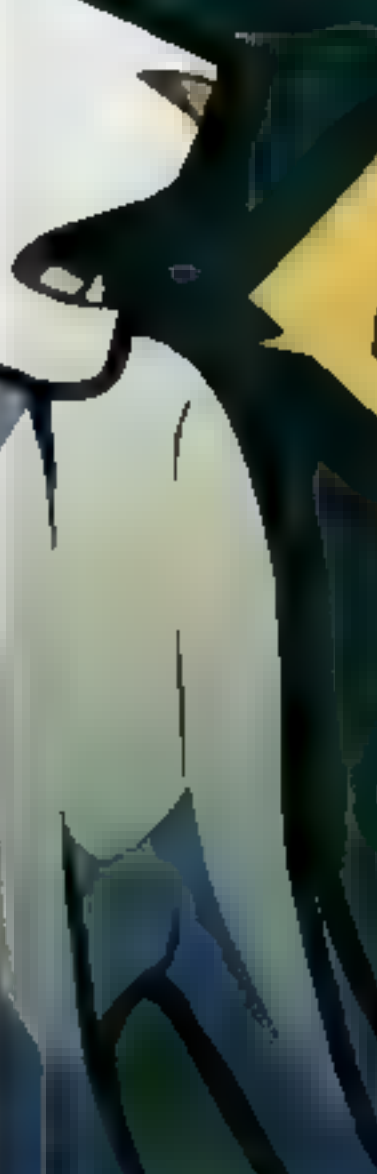
DO YOU WANT TO GET
BLUESTAR IN TROUBLE?

AT A GATHERING,
NO LESS?



IT ISN'T RIGHT
SHE GAVE IT ALL UP,
FOR NOTHING.


MY AUNT IS MANY
THINGS, REDTAIL.



BUT YOU'RE DISREGARDING
EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE FOR US.


THE SACRIFICES SHE'S MADE
HAVE TO BE WORTH IT.





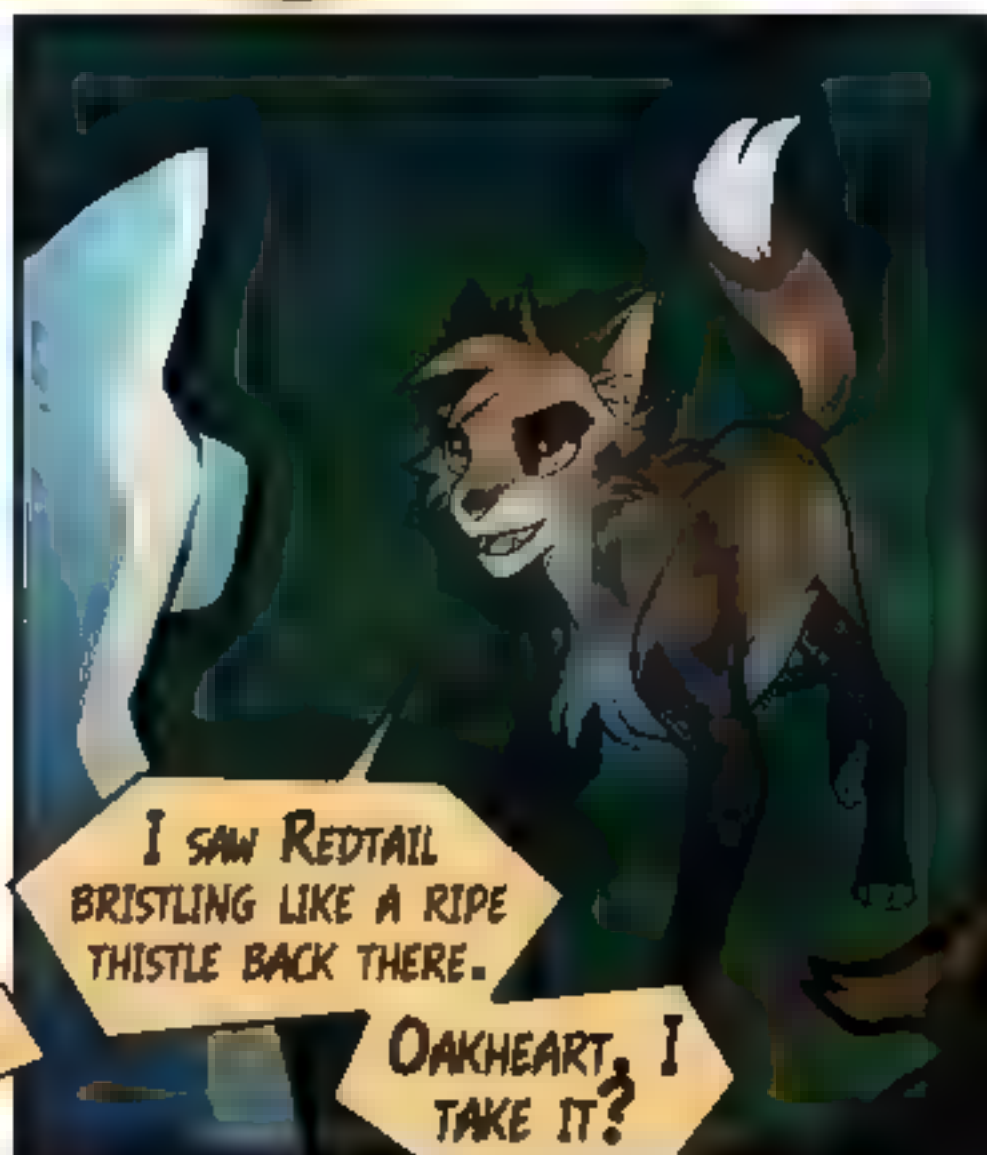
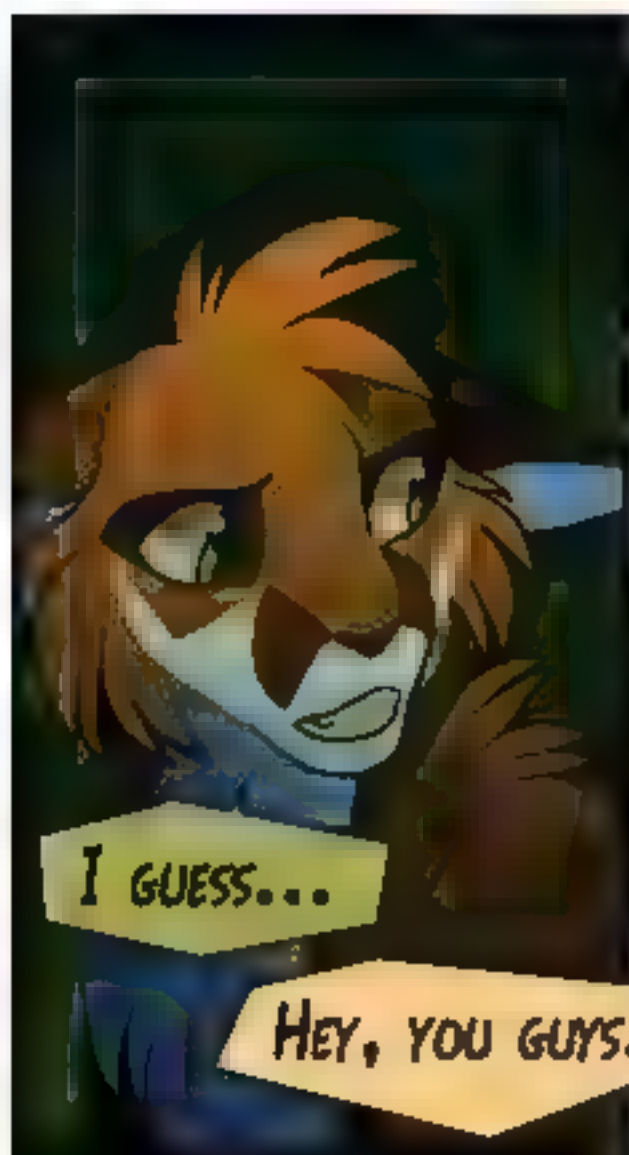
IS IT EVER WORTH IT
TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY
FOR YOUR CLAN?

SHE MADE HER
CHOICE. ALL WE CAN
DO IS RESPECT IT.



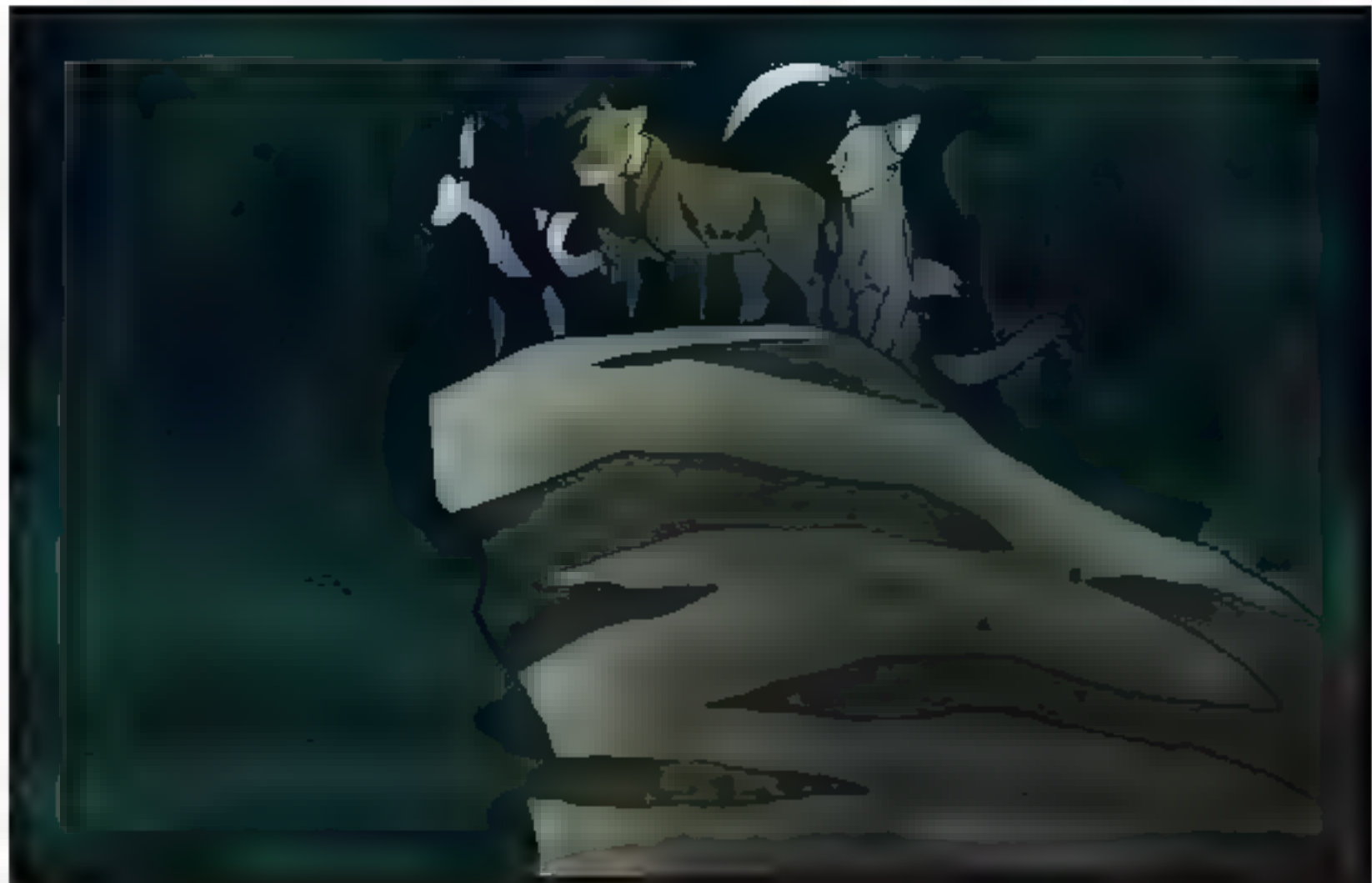
ONE DAY, WE
MAY HAVE TO MAKE A
SIMILAR DECISION.


FOR THE SAKE
OF OUR CLAN.








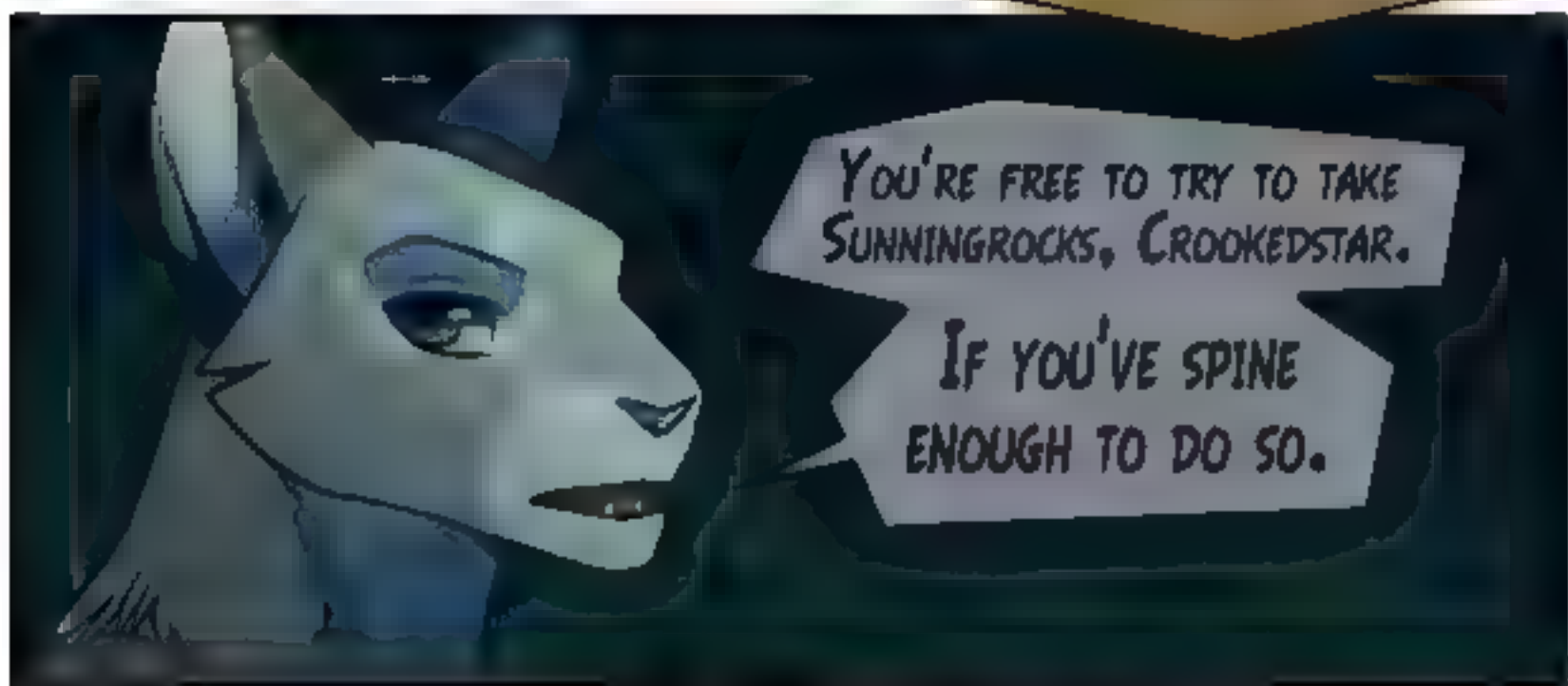


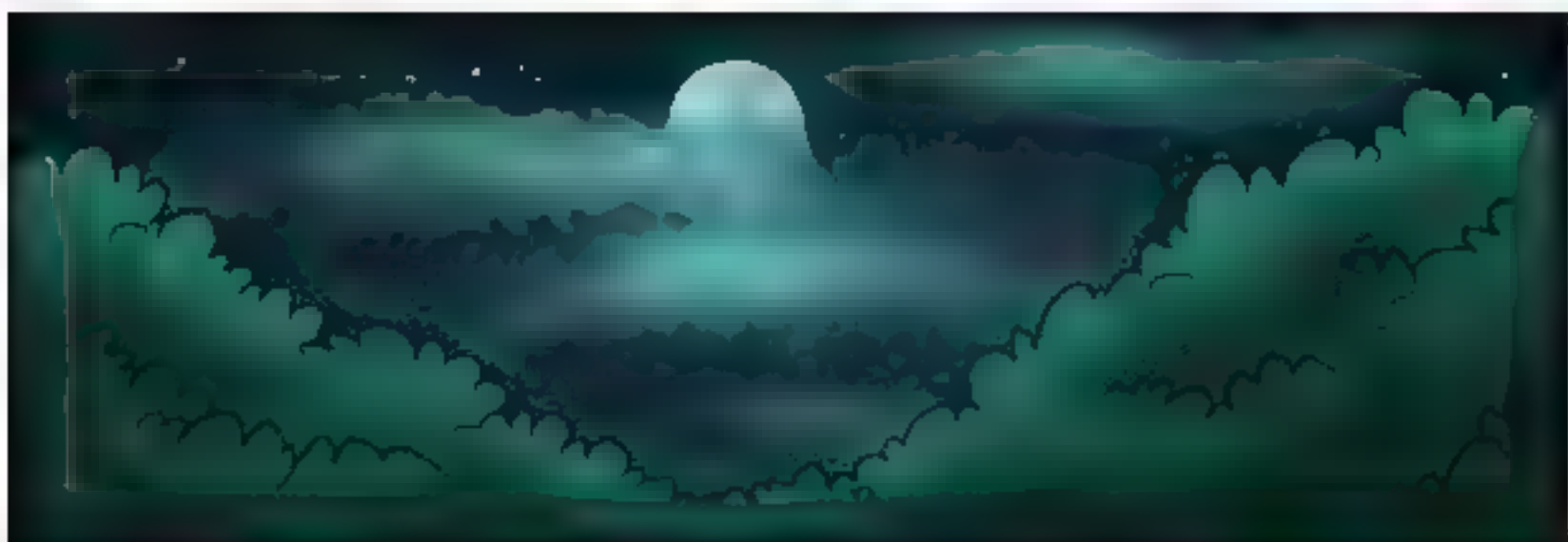
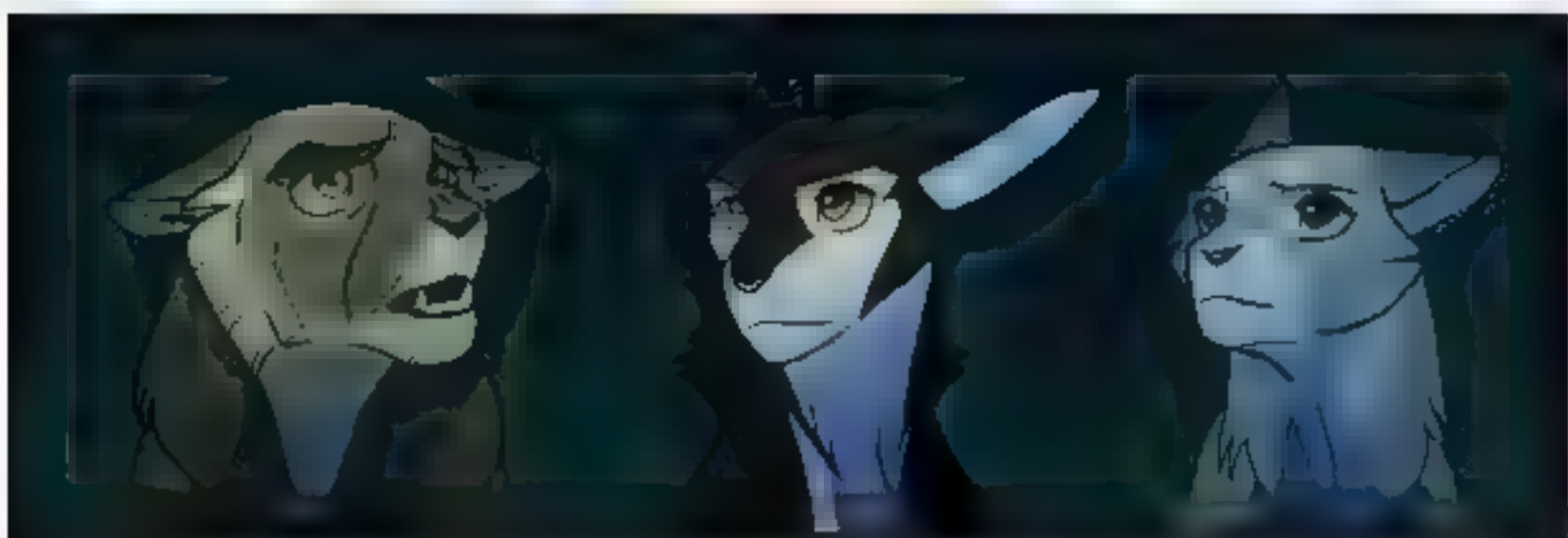


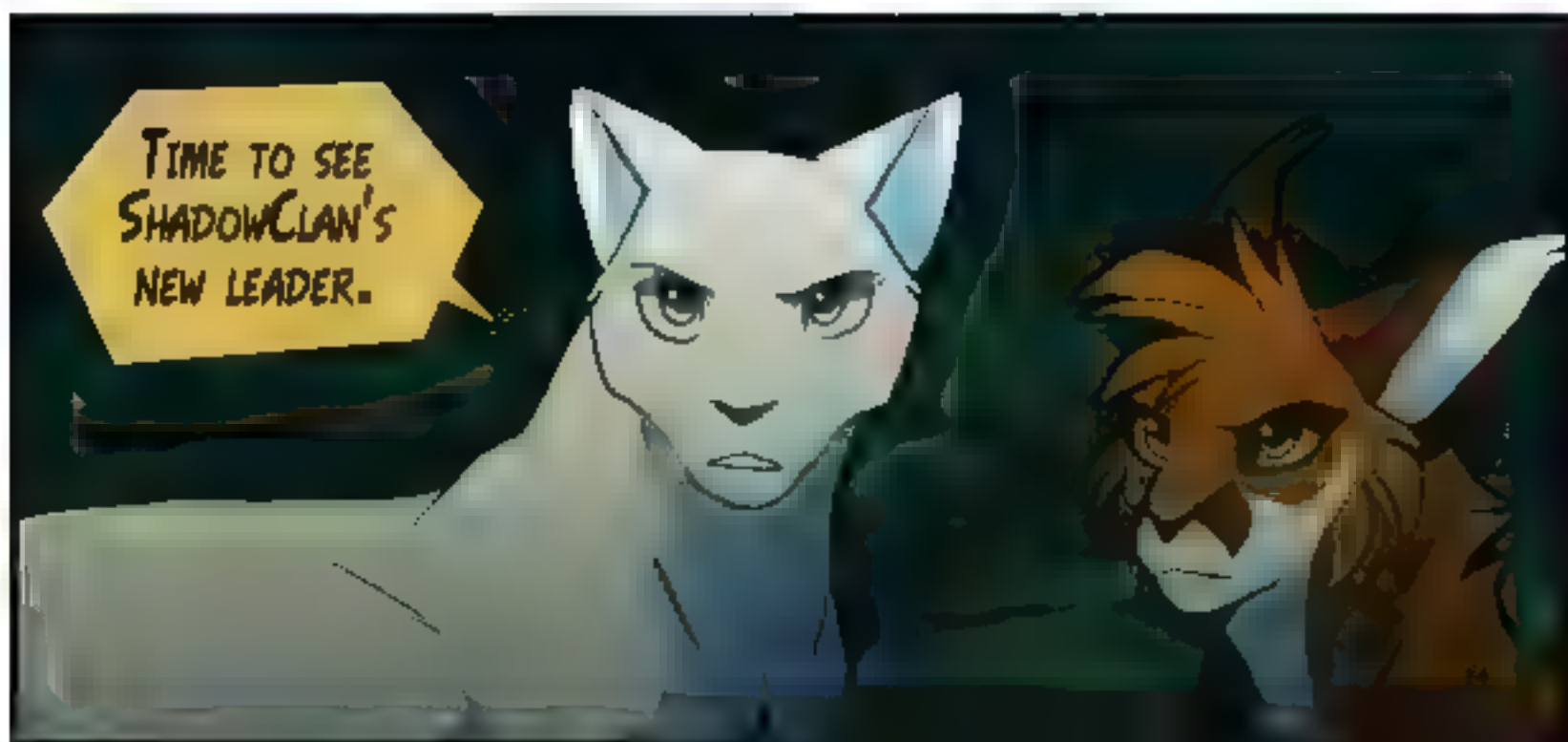
RIVERCLAN ARE DOING
WELL THIS LAST MOON, WE
NEARLY LOST AN APPRENTICE TO THE
SWELLING RIVER, BUT OAKHEART
RESCUED HIM.

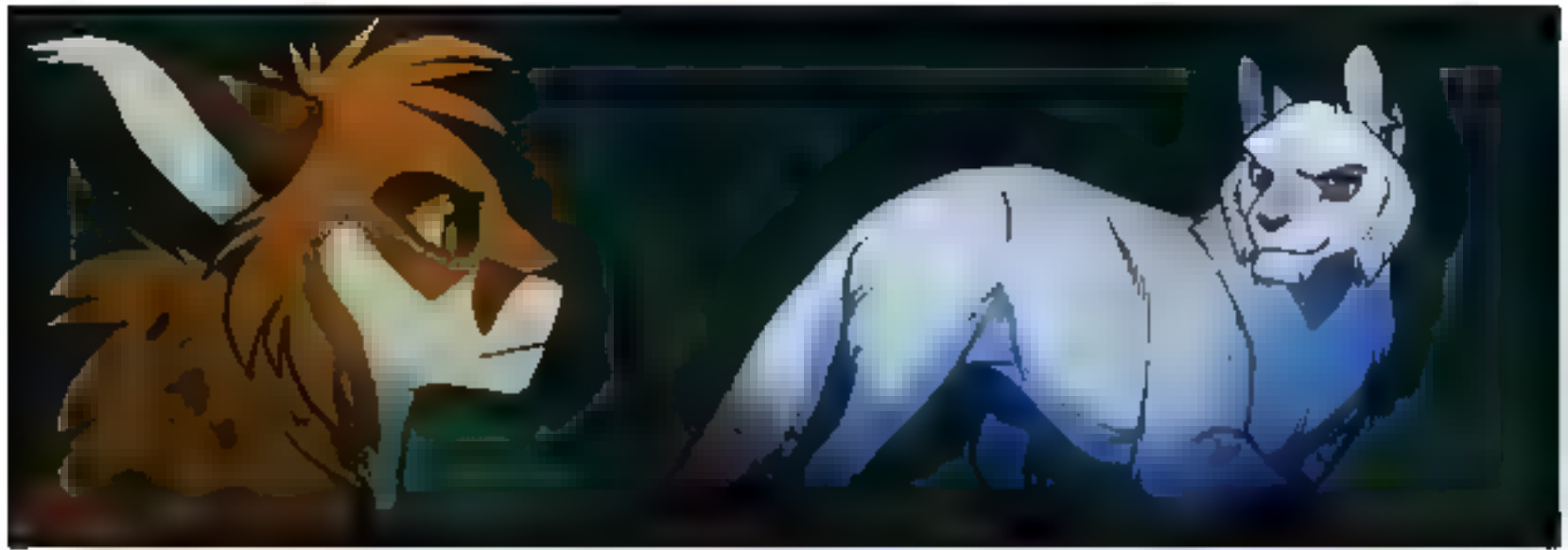
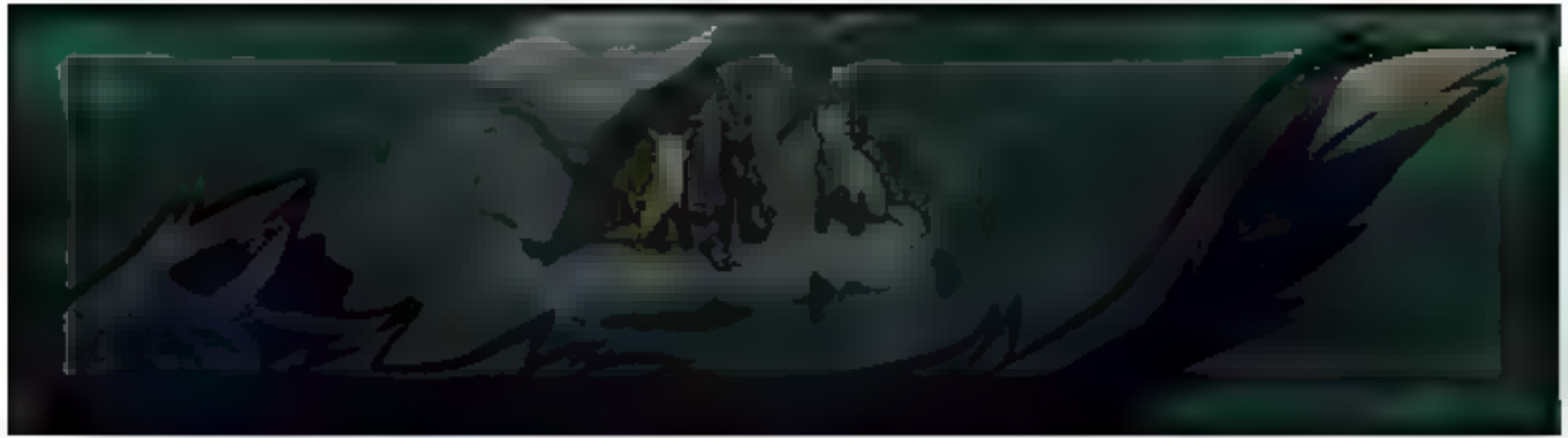


WE HAVE A NEW
APPRENTICE IN SILVERPAW
AS WELL.












GOOD EVENING,
EVERYONE.

WHERE IS
RAGGEDSTAR?

MY FATHER WILL NOT
BE JOINING US.


HE WAS KILLED IN A
PATROL THE LAST MOON, AND
I HAVE TAKEN HIS PLACE.



SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO
TRIED TO STEAL MY TERRITORY.



I INTEND TO TAKE MORE
OF EVERY TERRITORY.

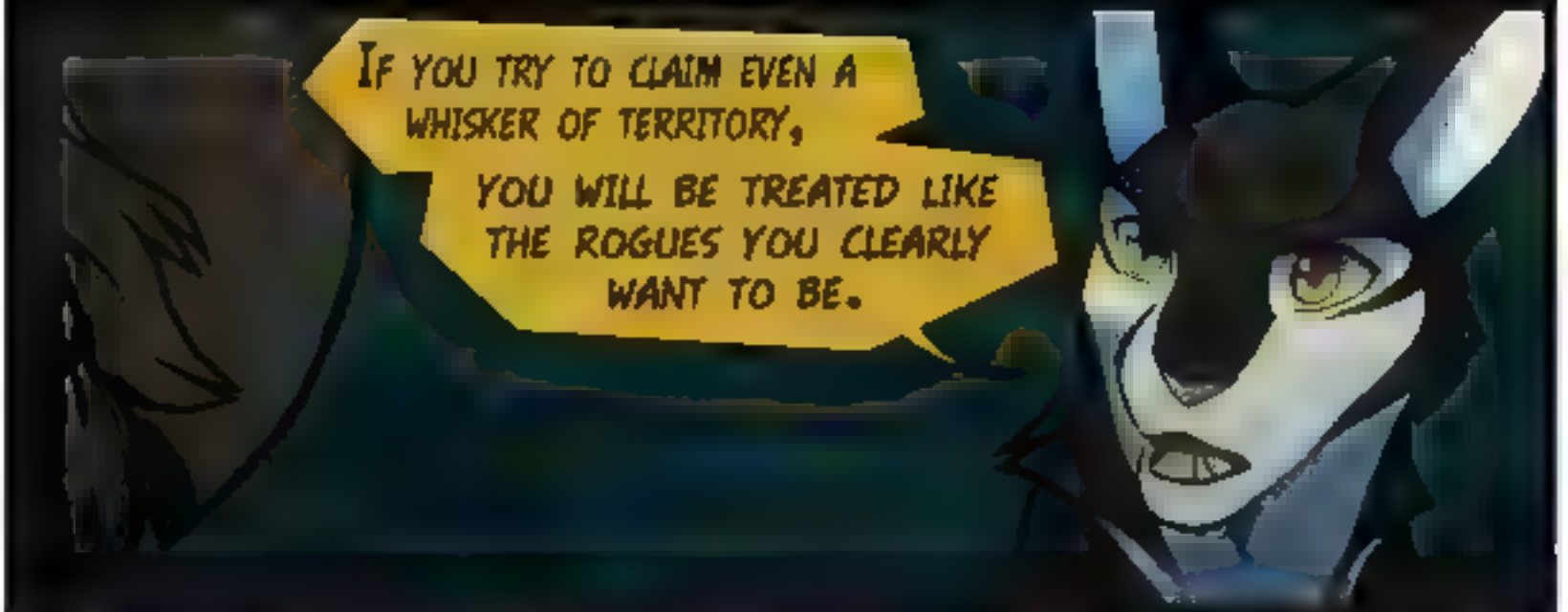


IF YOU TOUCH
RIVERCLAN LAND--



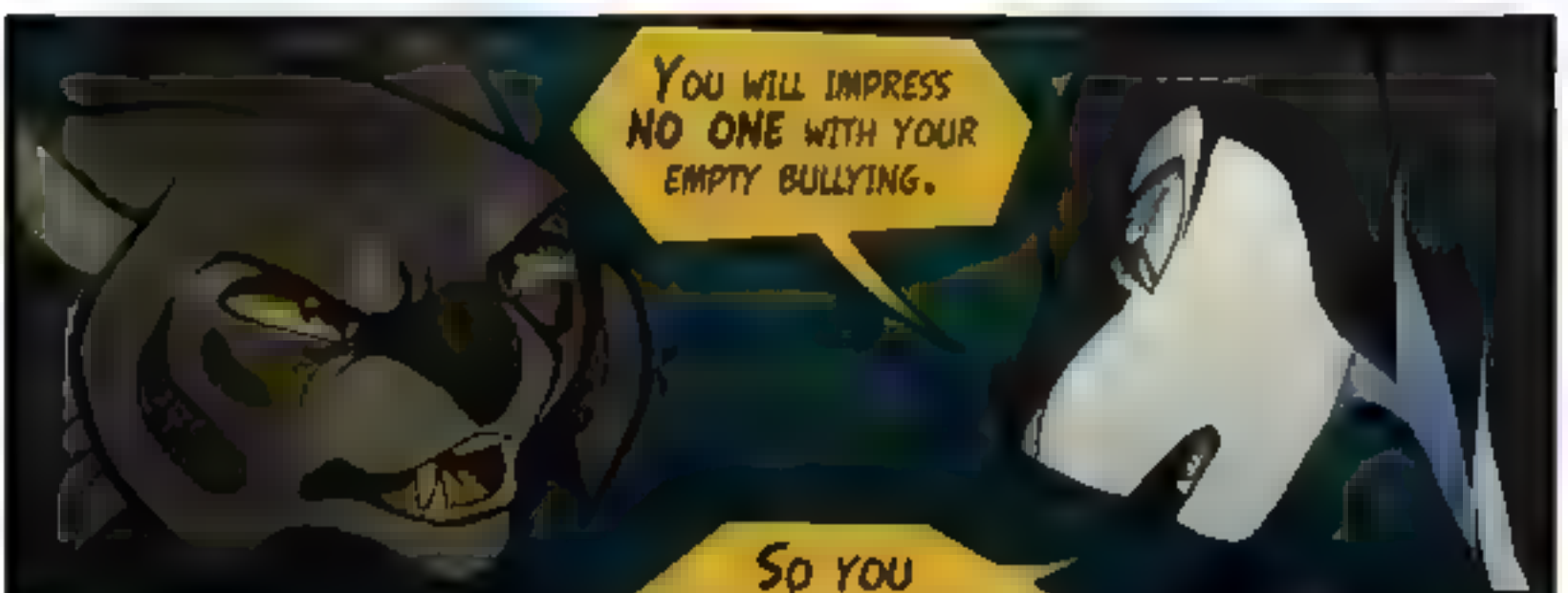
NOT YOU, FISHFACE.

THEN ALLOW ME.



IF YOU TRY TO CLAIM EVEN A
WHISKER OF TERRITORY,

YOU WILL BE TREATED LIKE
THE ROGUES YOU CLEARLY
WANT TO BE.

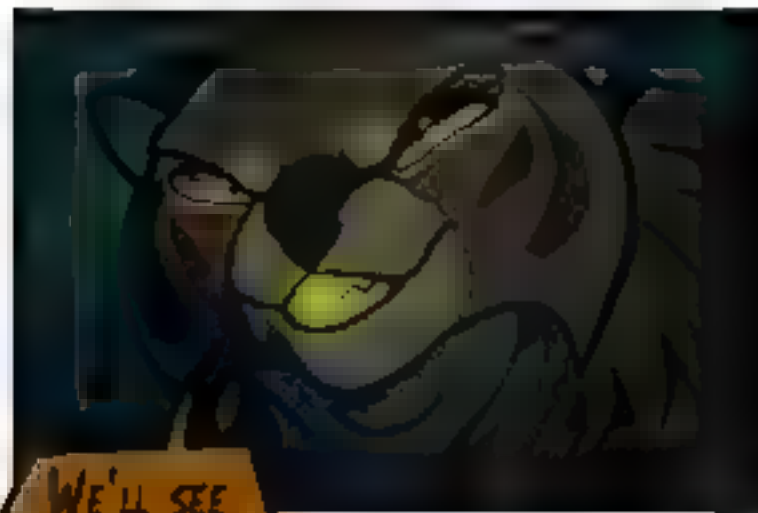
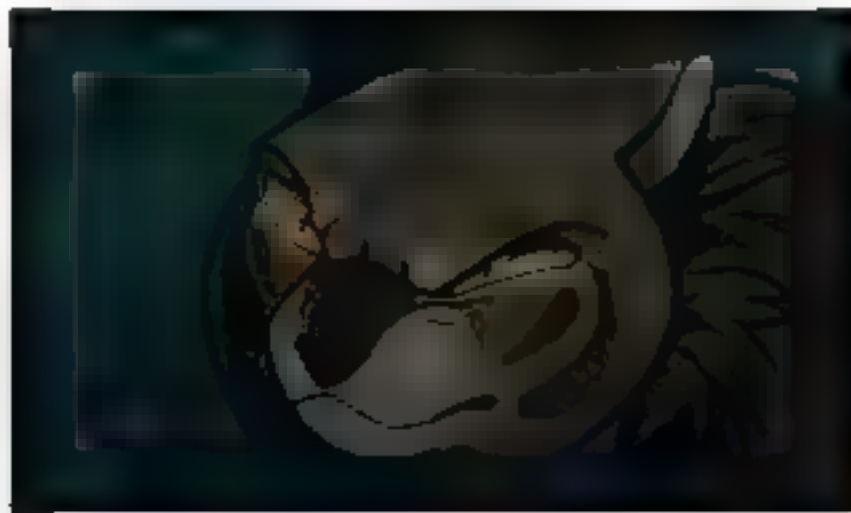


YOU WILL IMPRESS
NO ONE WITH YOUR
EMPTY BULLYING.

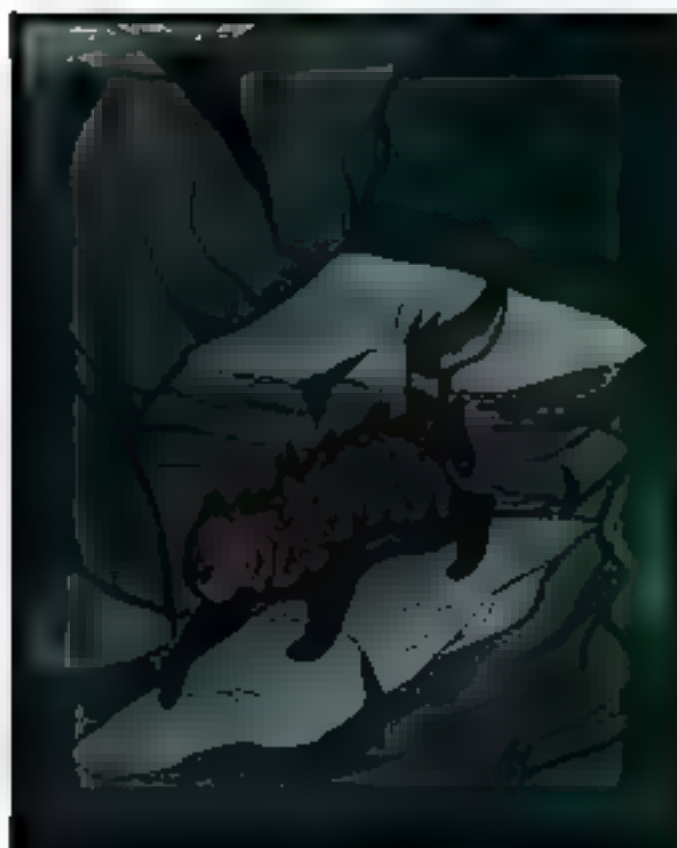
SO YOU
NEEDN'T BOTHER.




THIS IS A BATTLE
YOU CANNOT WIN.



WE'LL SEE
ABOUT THAT.



BEST KEEP AN
EYE ON THEM.

A fox with orange fur and a cat with grey fur are in a dark, rocky forest. The fox is on the left, looking towards the cat on the right. The cat is looking back at the fox.


WE'D BEST LEAVE
AS WELL. IT WAS GOOD
TO SEE YOU, REDTAIL.

AND YOU!

REDTAIL!

A cat with grey fur is on the left, looking towards a fox with orange fur on the right. The fox is looking back at the cat.

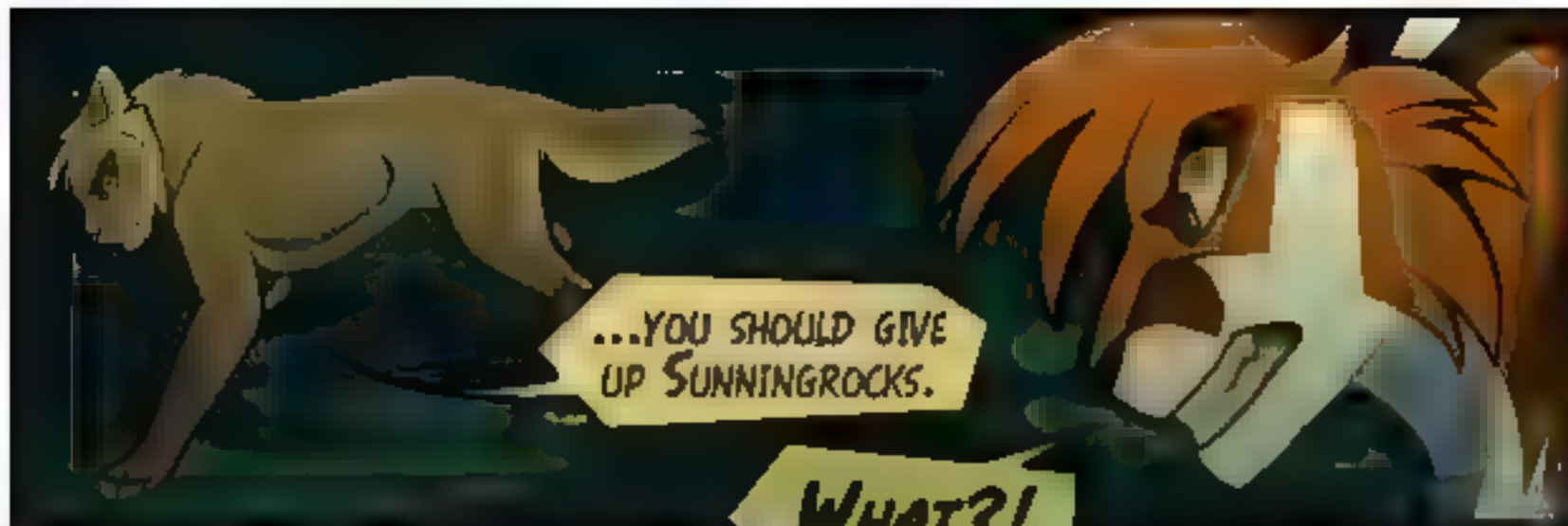
HEY.

A close-up of a cat's face. The cat has grey fur and is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression.

I NEED TO
TALK TO YOU.

A close-up of a fox's face. The fox has orange fur and is looking slightly to the left with a surprised expression.

WHAT?



...YOU SHOULD GIVE
UP **SUNNINGROCKS**.

WHAT?!



CROOKEDSTAR
WANTS IT BACK.

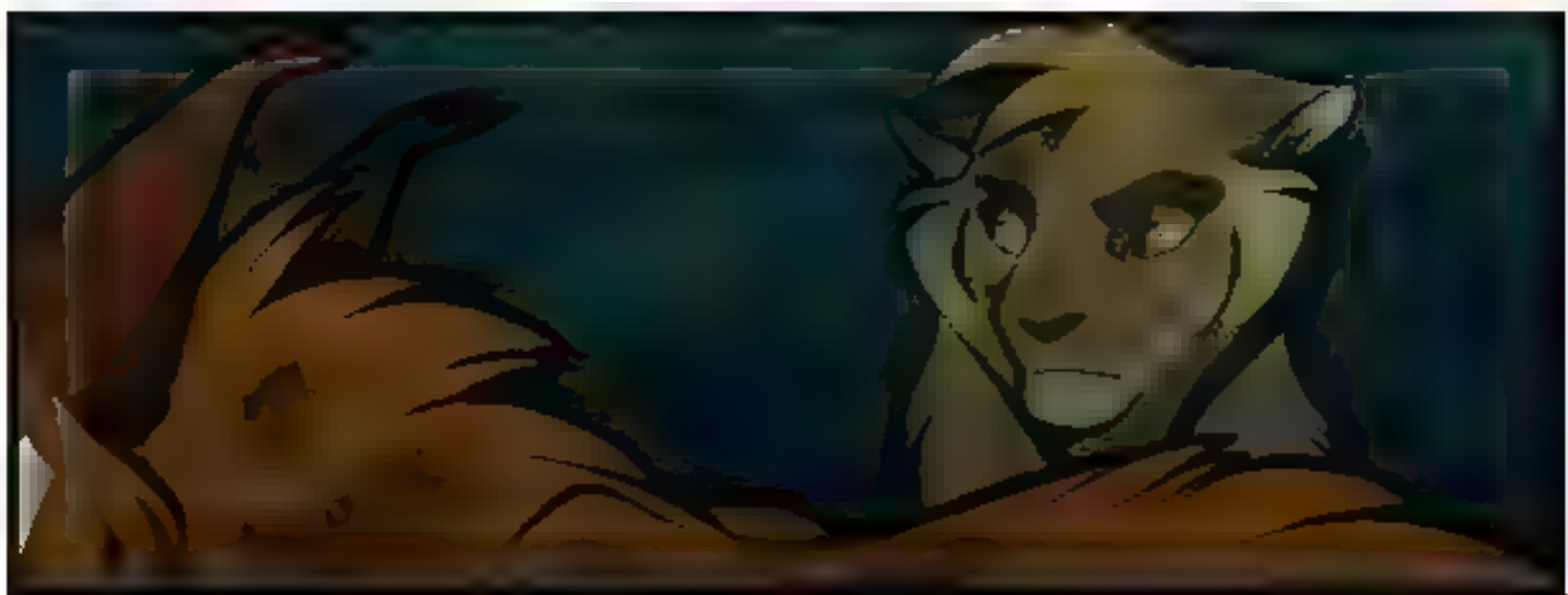


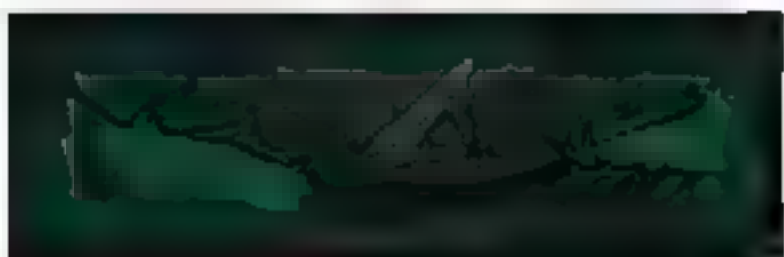
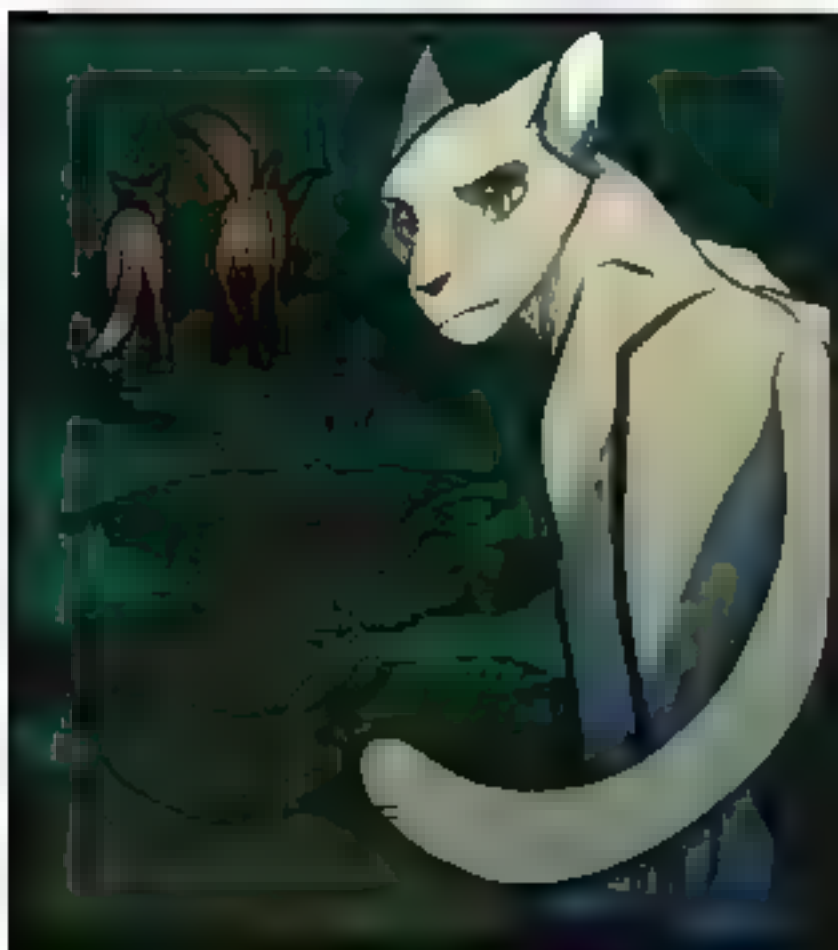
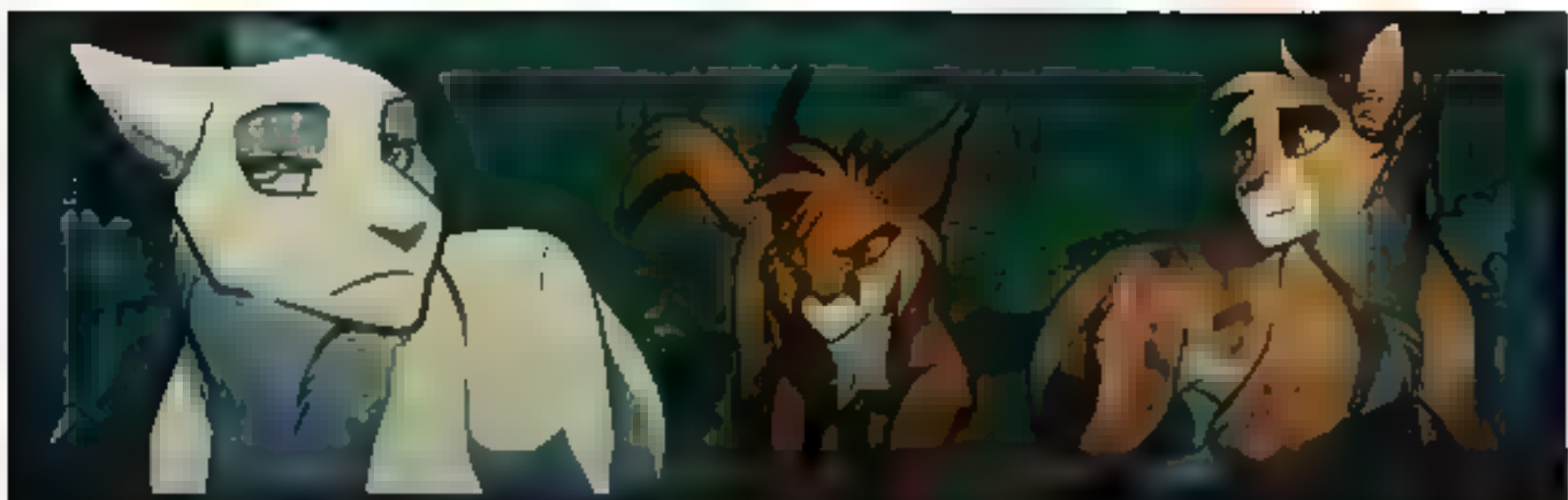
...IT'D SAVE A LOT
OF BLOOD IF YOU--



HOW DARE YOU!

REDTAIL, PLEASE--





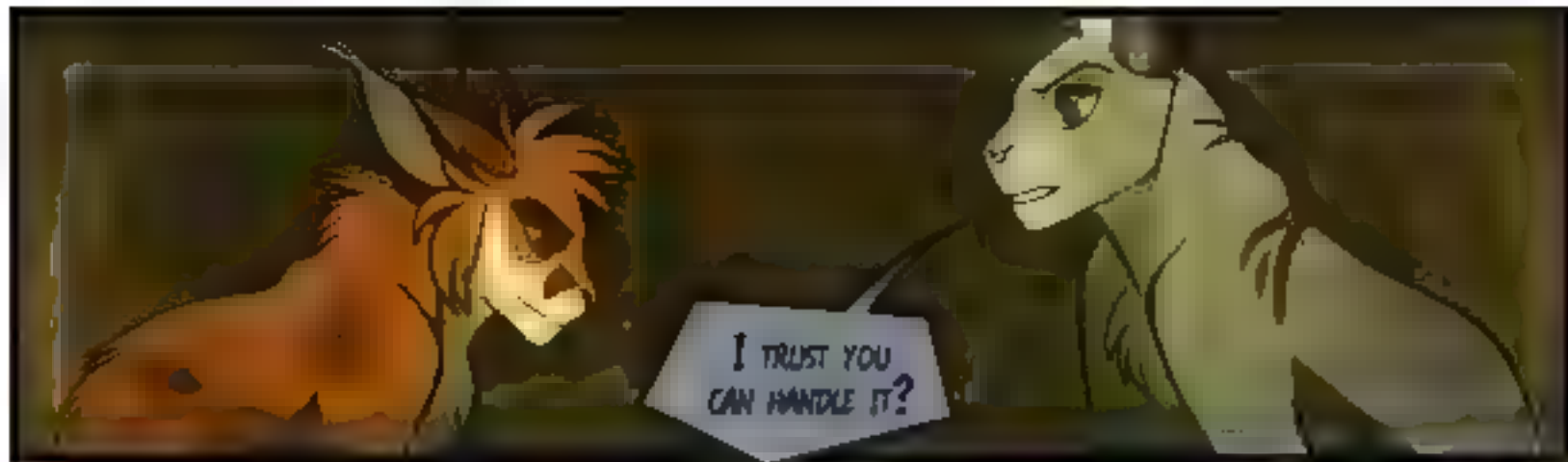




WE WILL BE
READY FOR THEM.



WE WILL DEAL WITH
THEM JUST AS WE DEALT
WITH SHADOWCLAN.





THEY'RE YOUR FAMILY--

STOP IT.

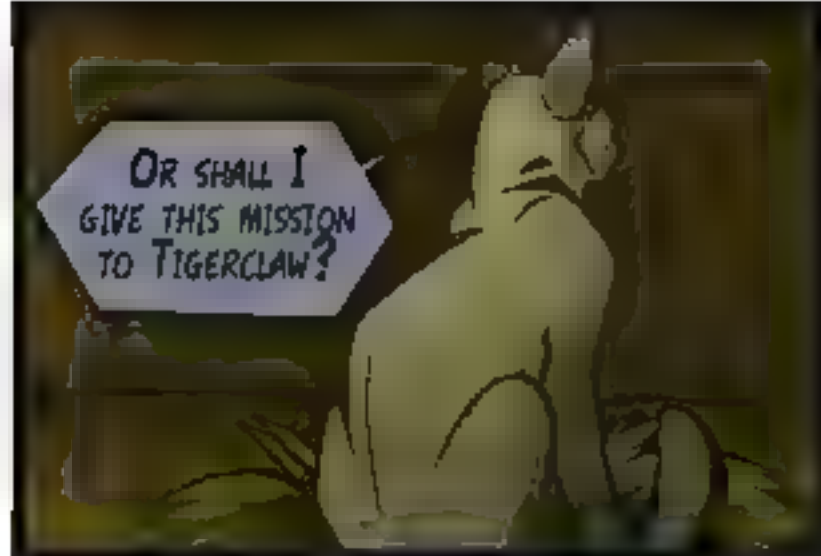
I HARDLY SEE
HOW THIS IS ANY OF
YOUR BUSINESS.

IF YOU CANNOT LEAD
THIS PARTY, I WILL FIND
SOMEONE WHO CAN.



TO THINK MY DEPUTY IS
AFRAID TO FIGHT.

PATHETIC!



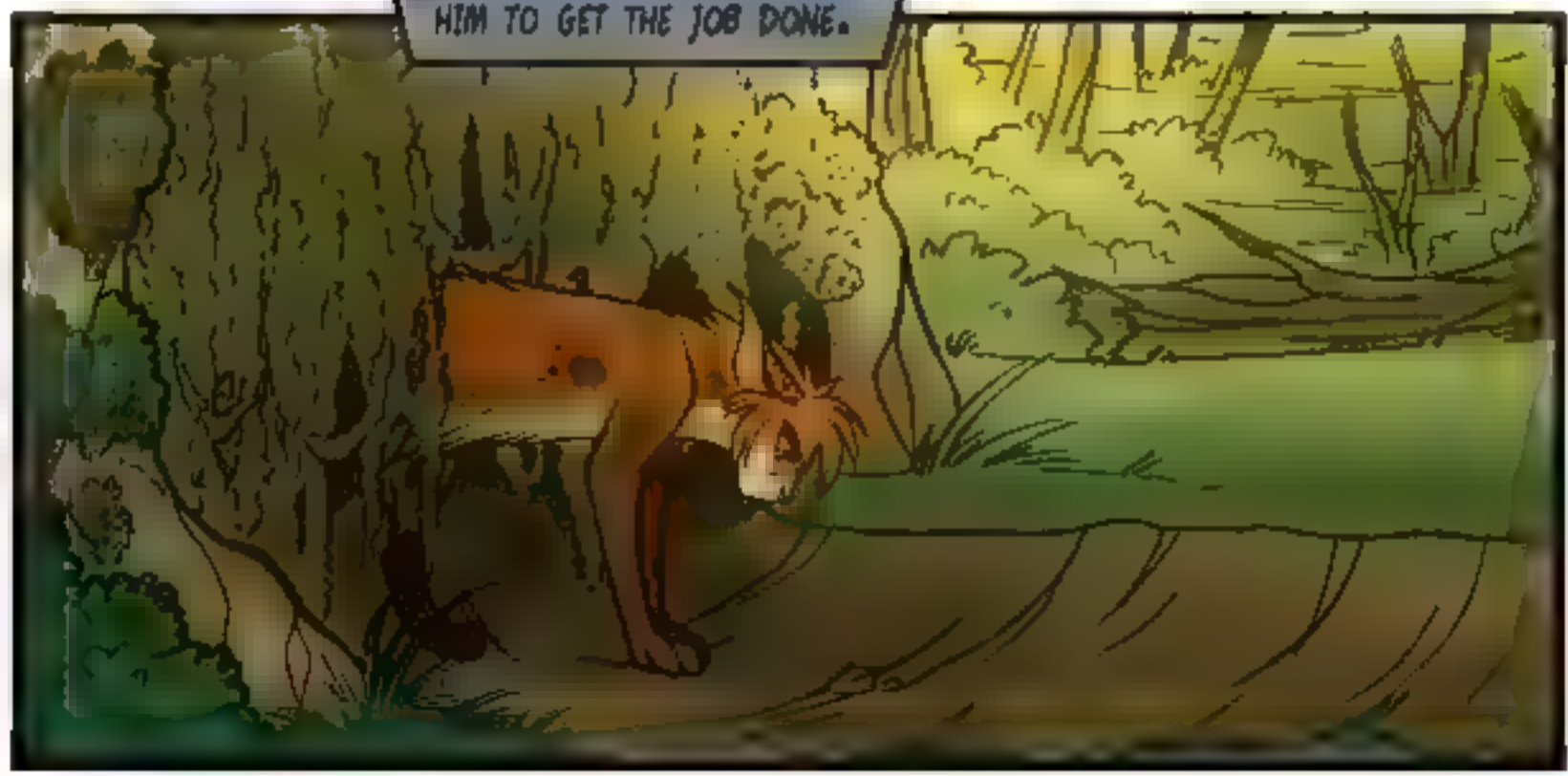
OR SHALL I
GIVE THIS MISSION
TO TIGERCLAW?



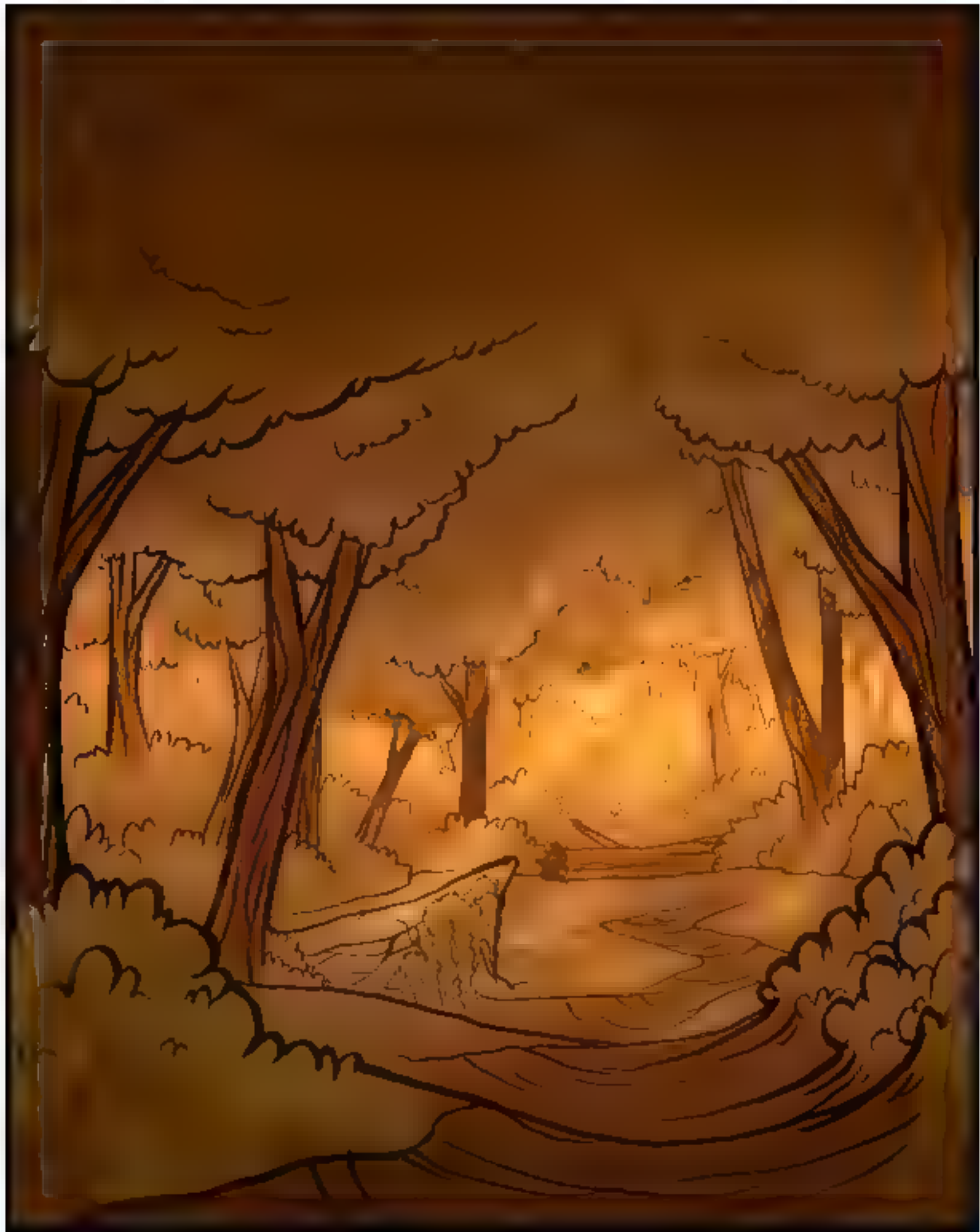
BLUESTAR, I...

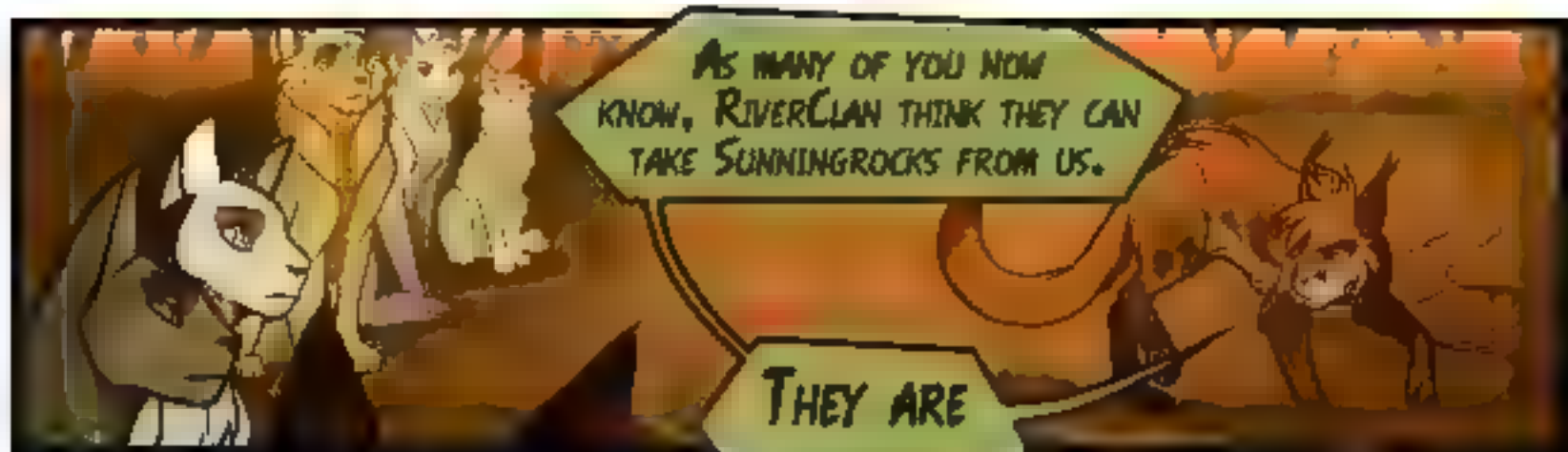


GO, REDTAIL.



TAKE TIGERCLAW WITH
YOU. AT LEAST I CAN TRUST
HIM TO GET THE JOB DONE.





AS MANY OF YOU NOW
KNOW, RIVERCLAN THINK THEY CAN
TAKE SUNNINGROCKS FROM US.

THEY ARE
WRONG.

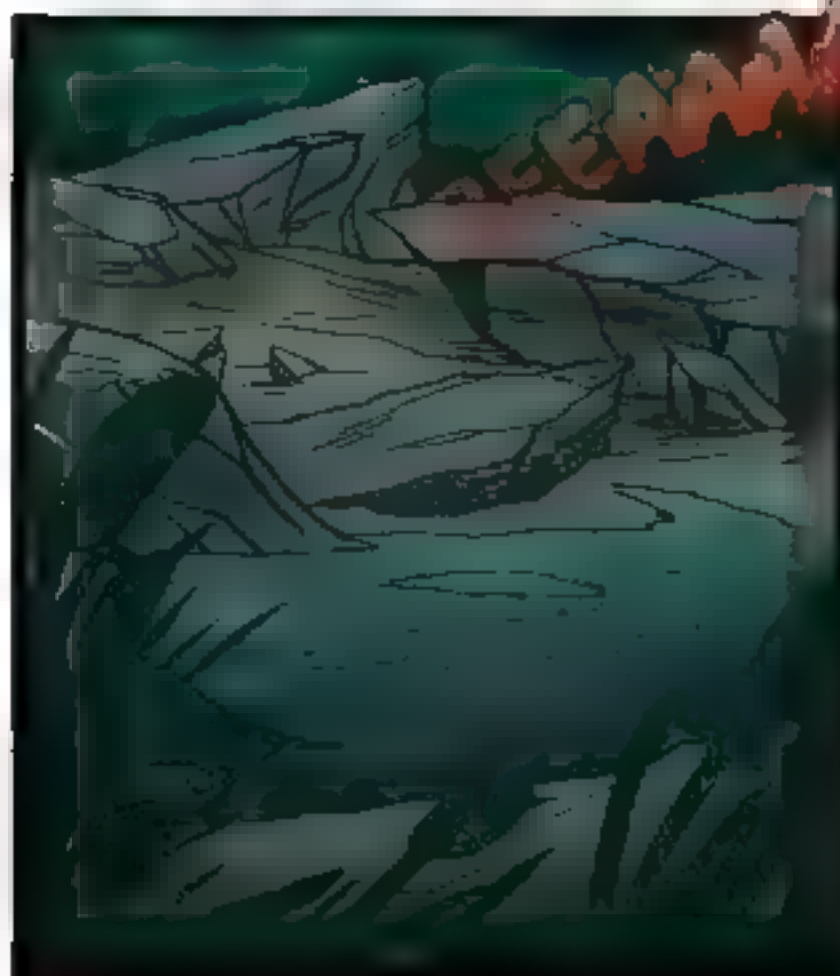
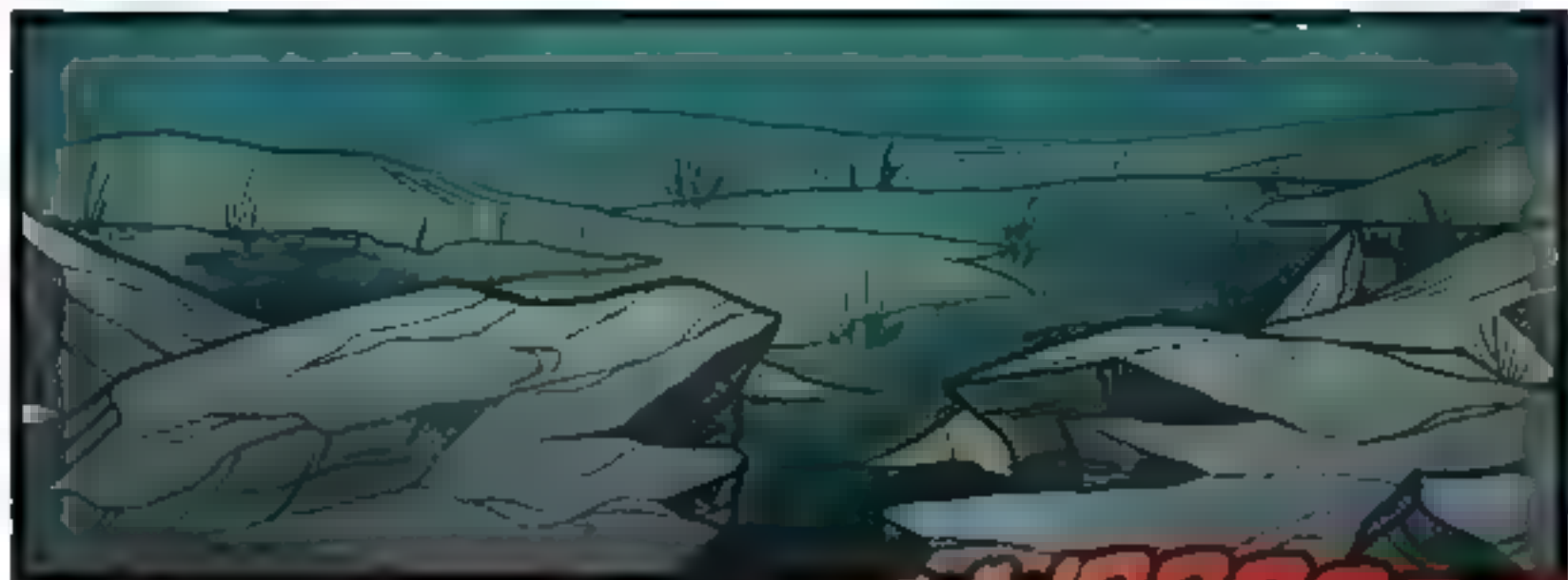
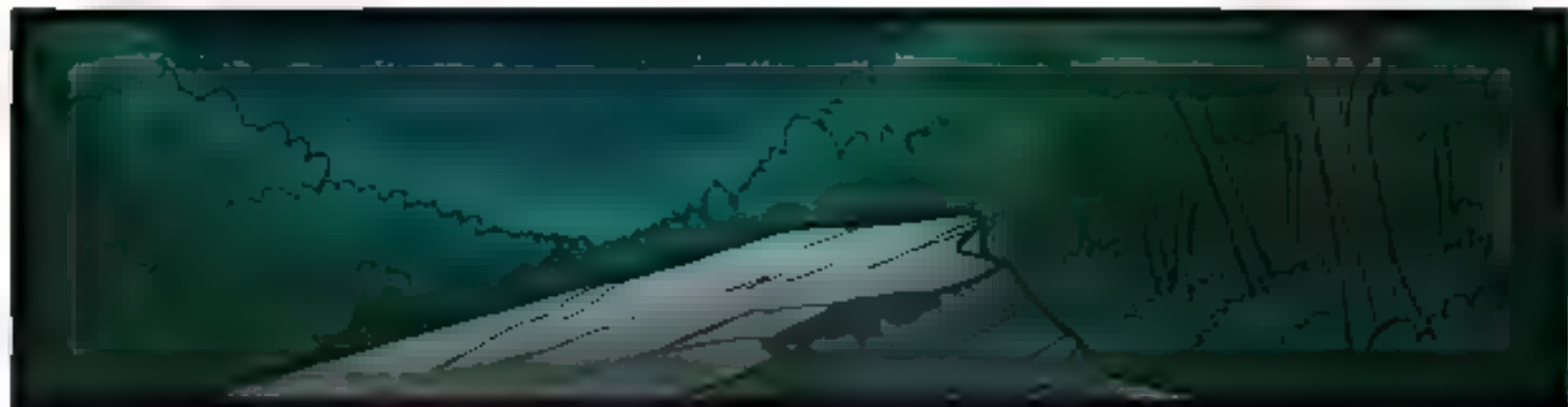


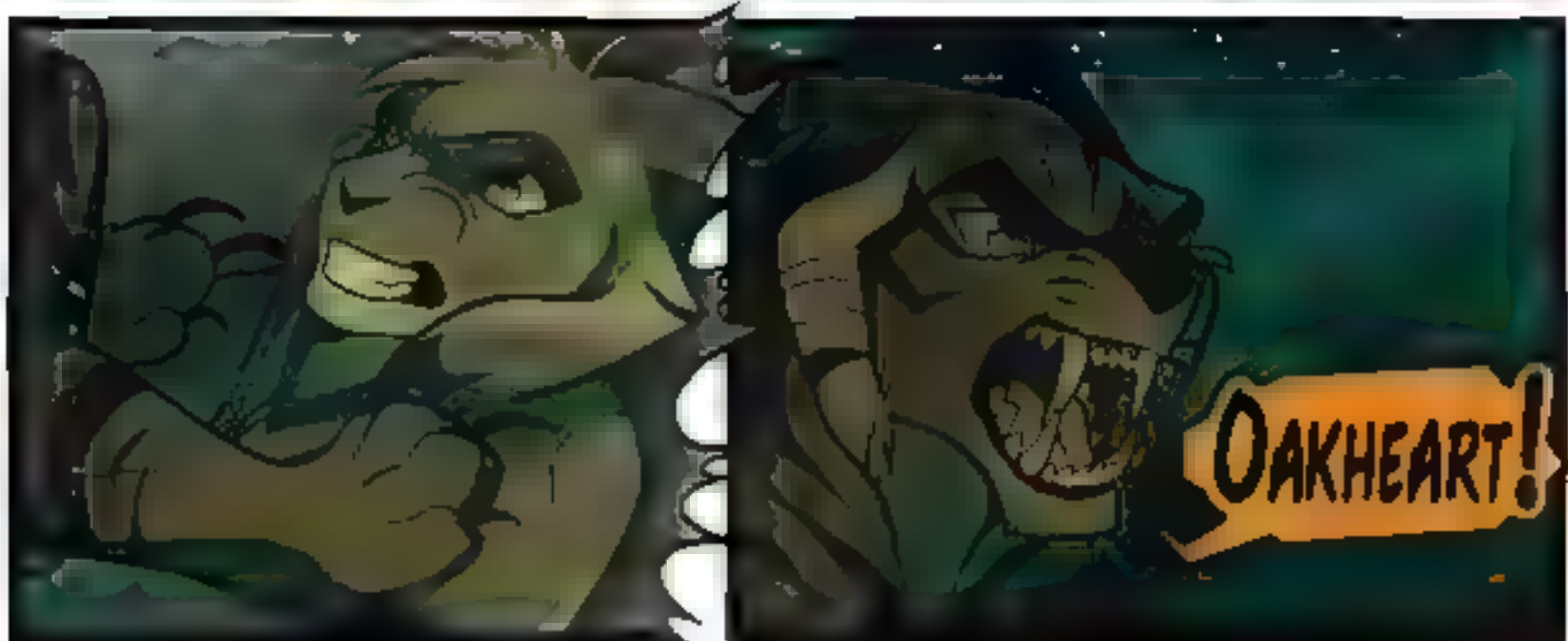
TIGERCLAW, GATHER
AS MANY WARRIORS AS YOU
THINK WE NEED.



WHITESTORM, I TRUST
YOU TO GUARD THE CAMP.







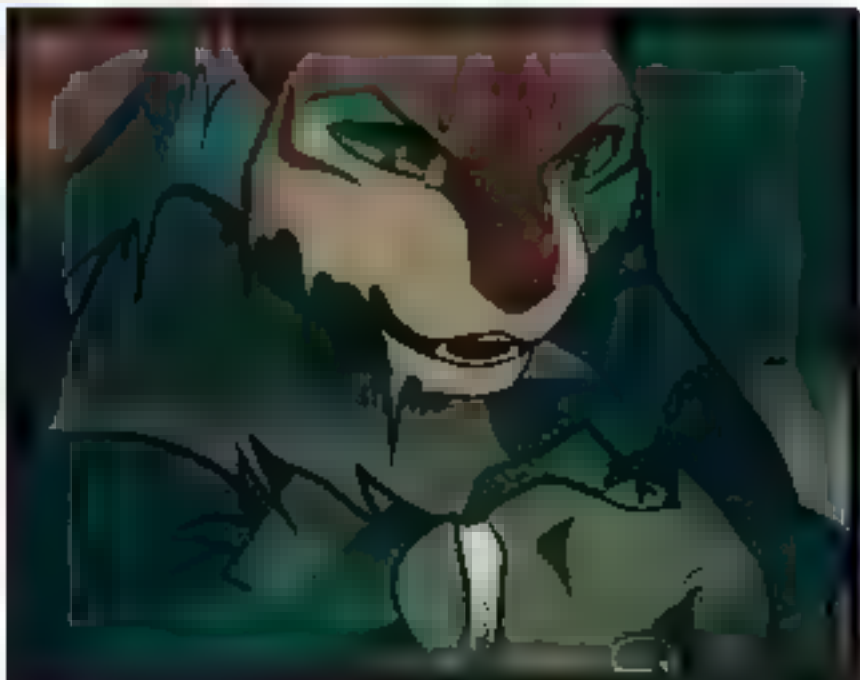
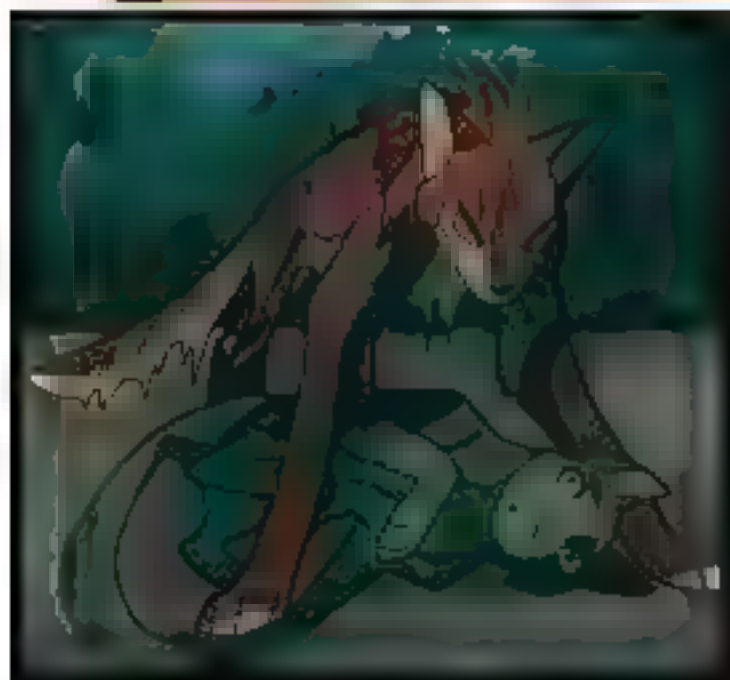
OAKHEART!

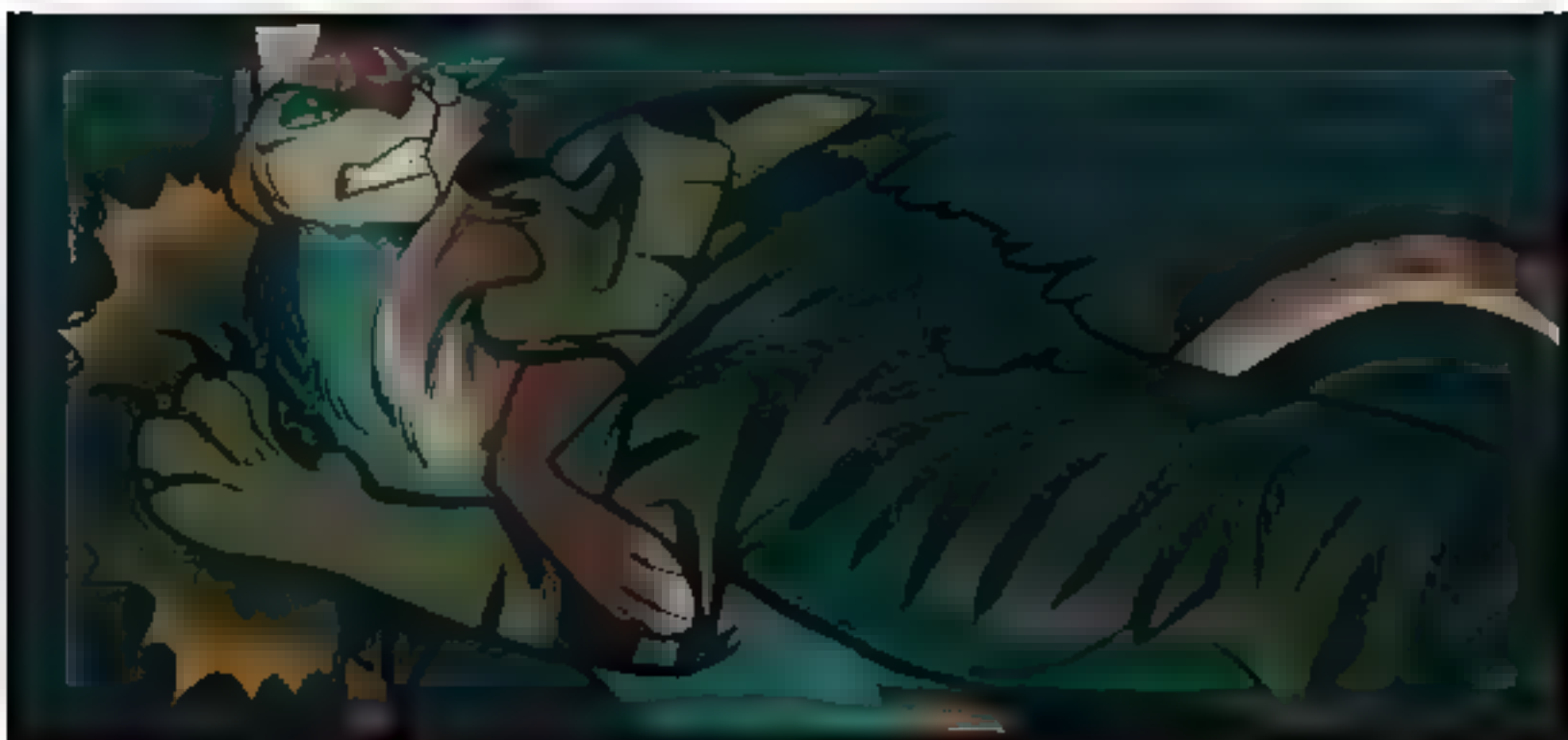
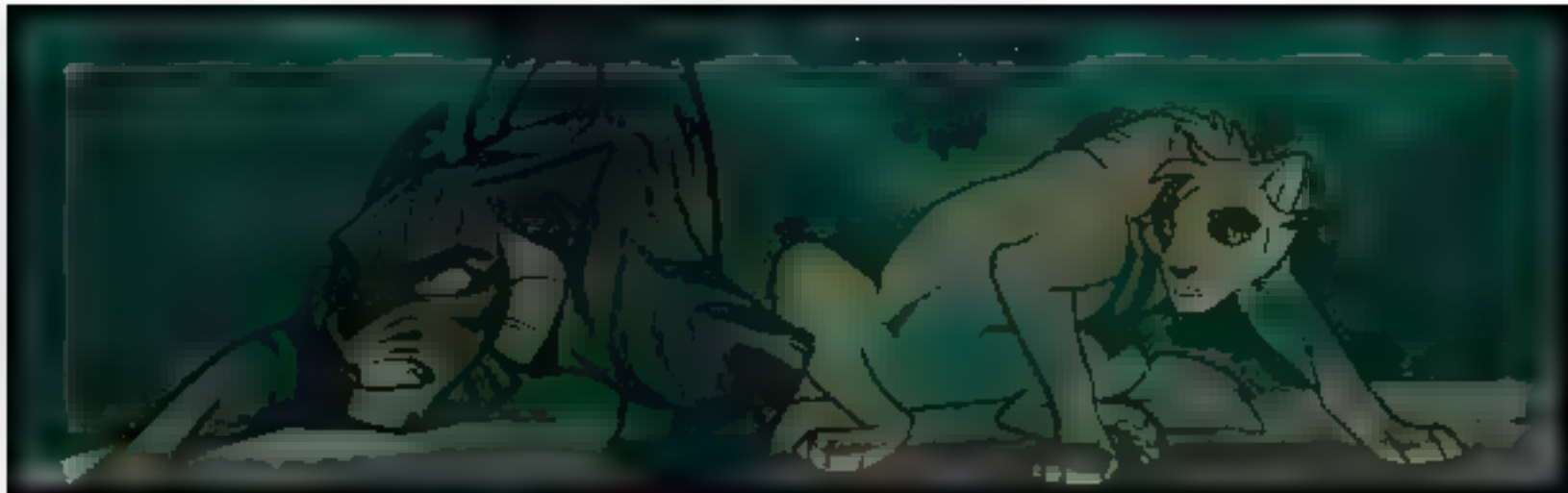


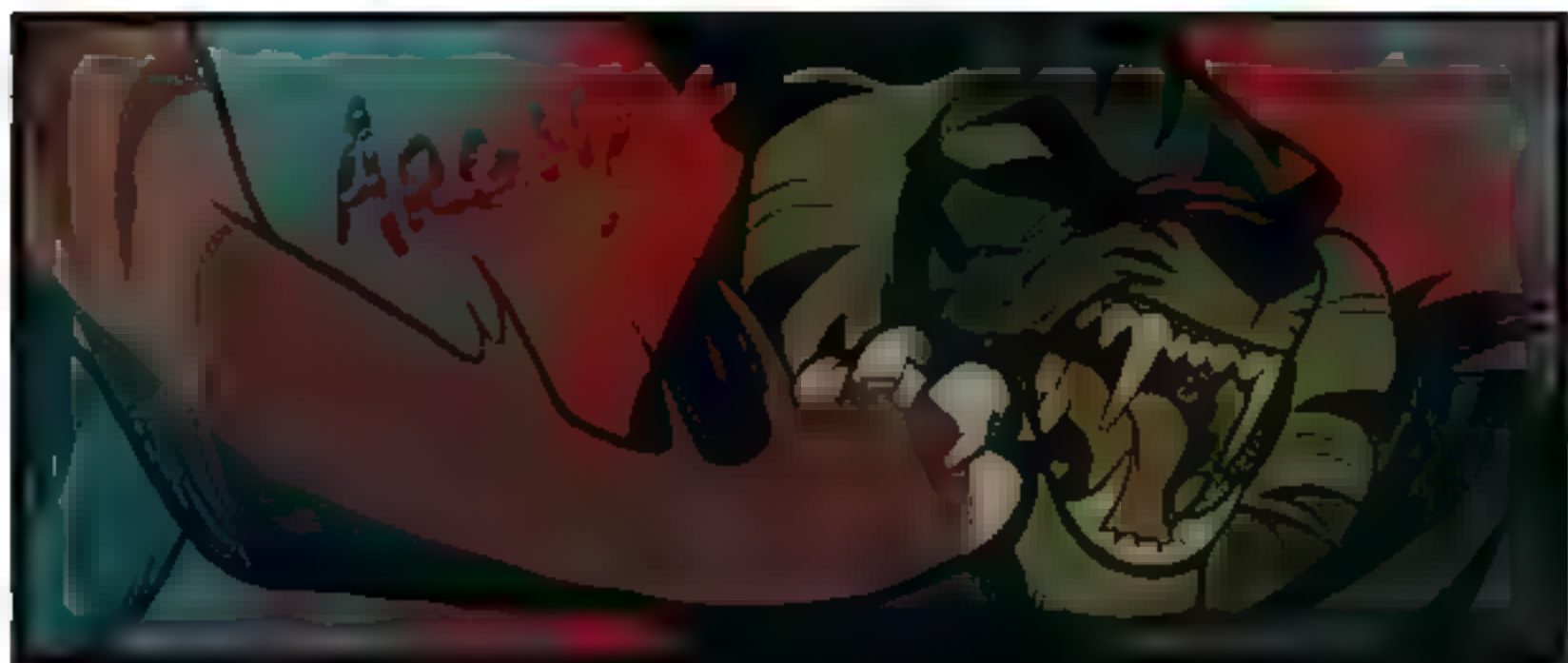
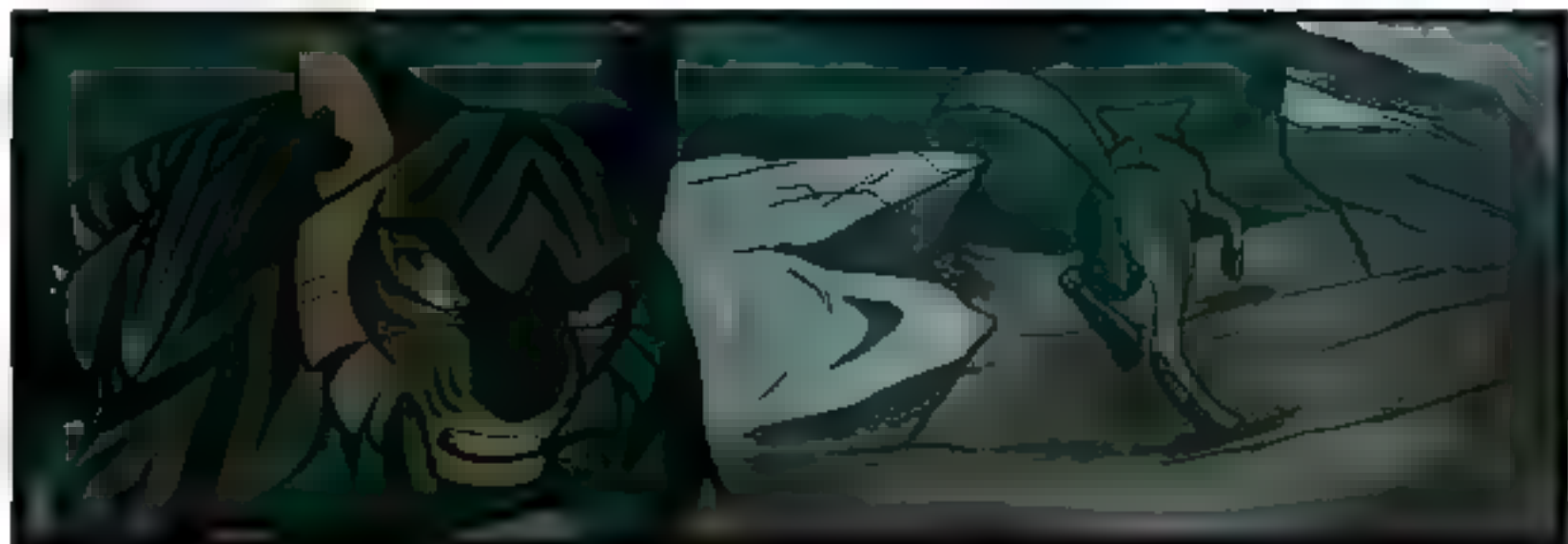
**HOW DARE
YOU HUNT IN OUR
TERRITORY?**

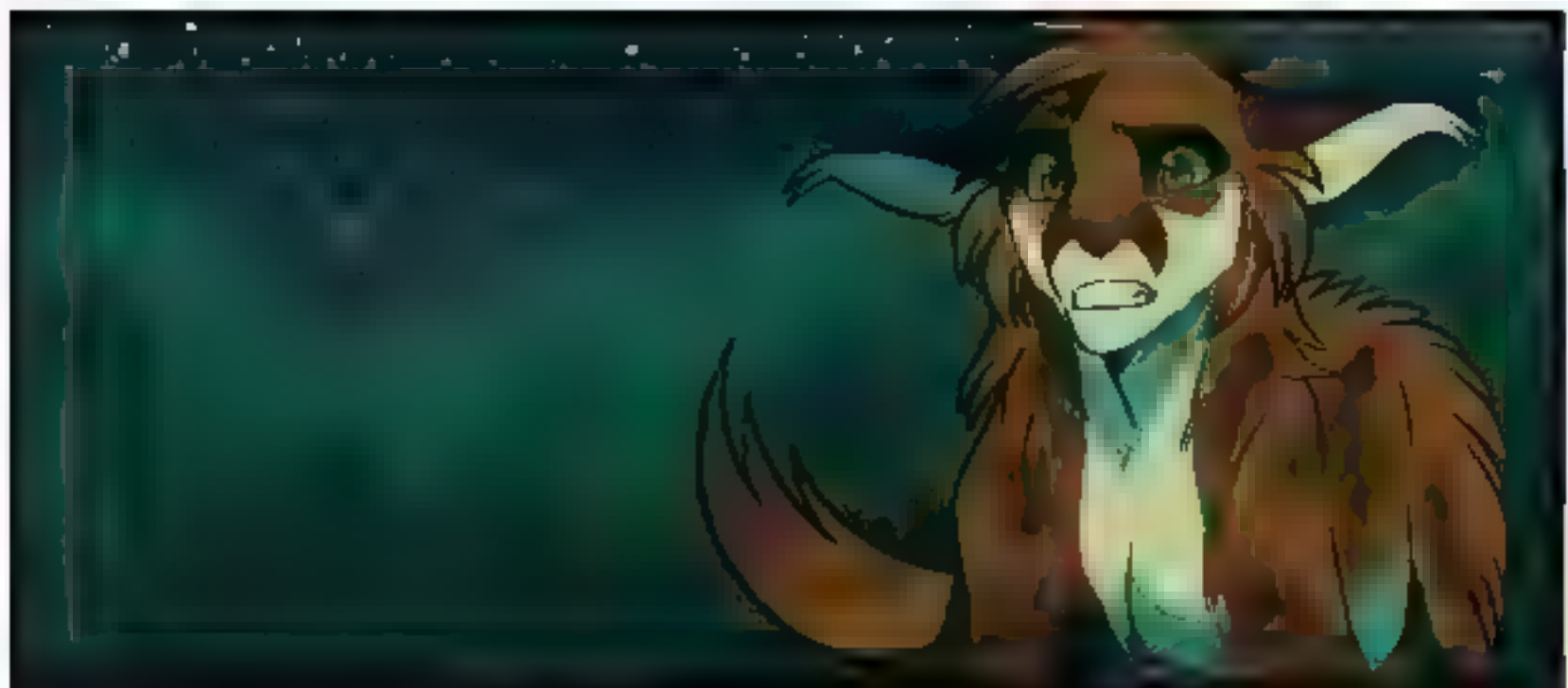
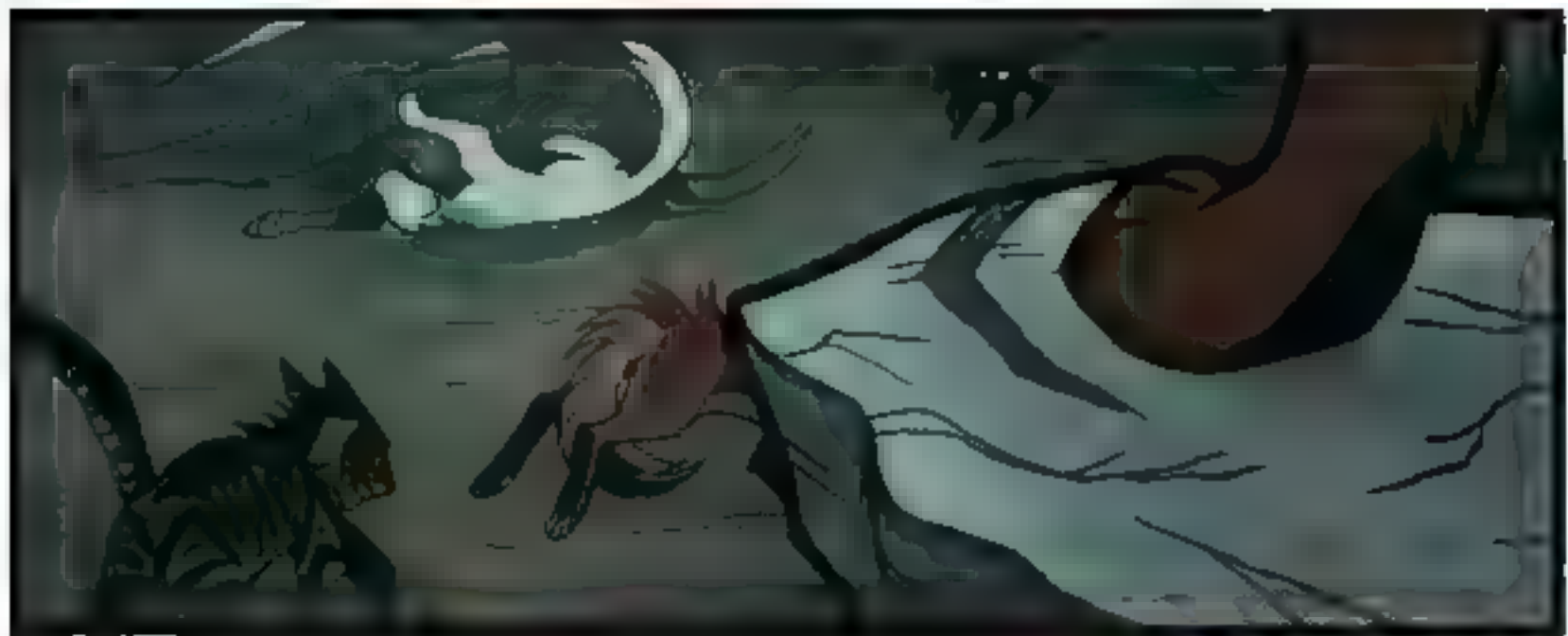
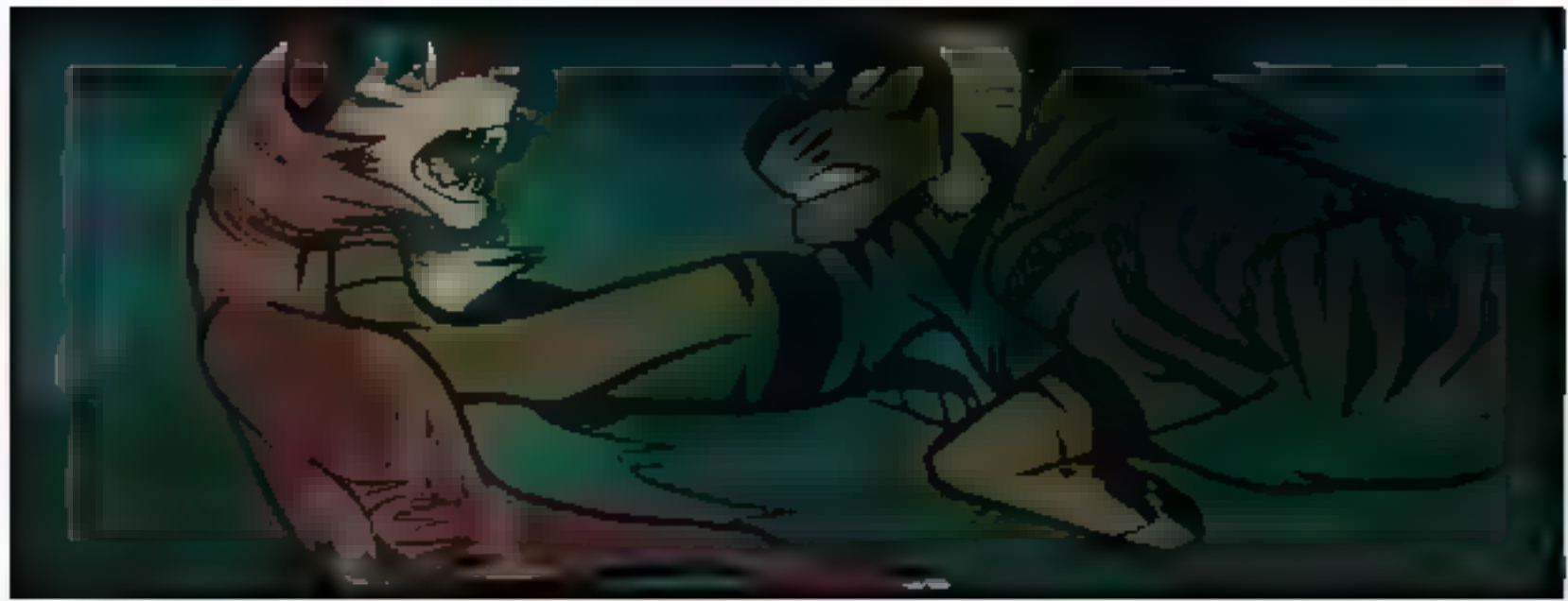
**SUNNINGROCKS BELONGS
TO THUNDERCLAN!**

**AFTER TONIGHT, TIGERCLAW,
THIS WILL BE JUST ANOTHER PART
OF RIVERCLAN TERRITORY!**









TIGERCLAW!



THIS IS USELESS!

**THERE ARE TOO
MANY RIVERCLAN
WARRIORS!**



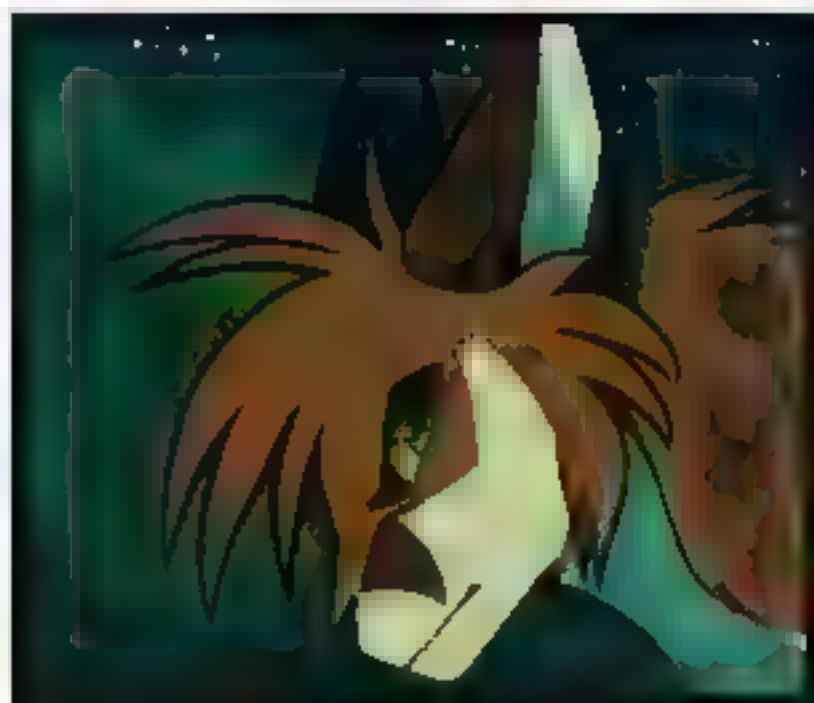
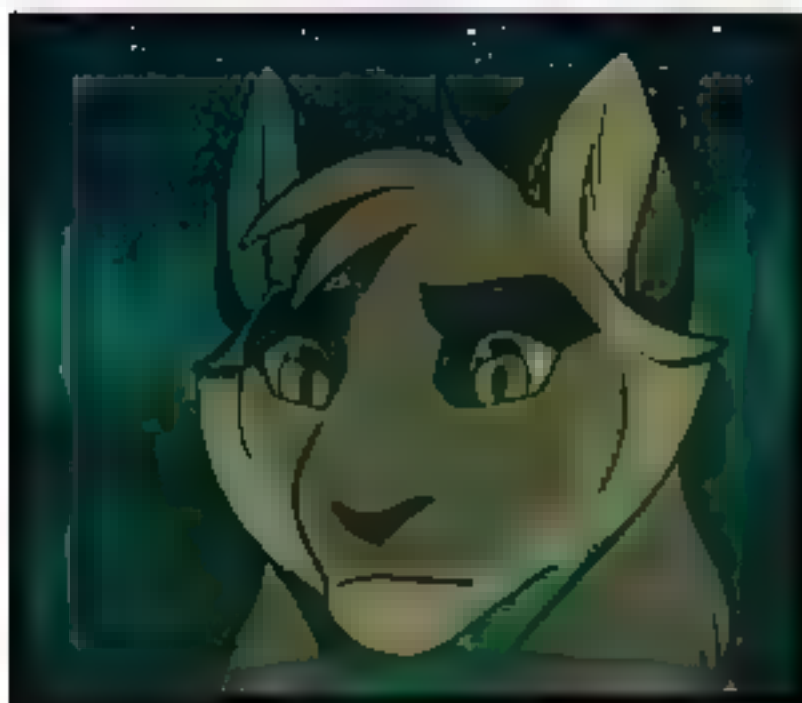
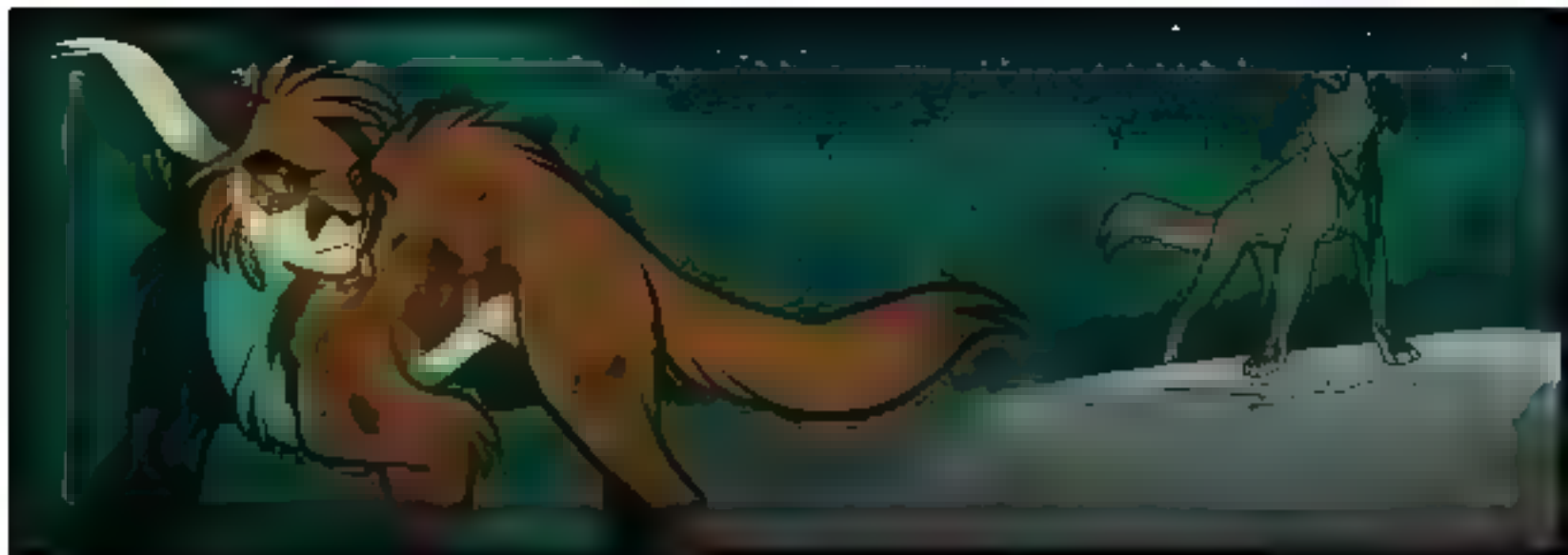
NO, REDTAIL.

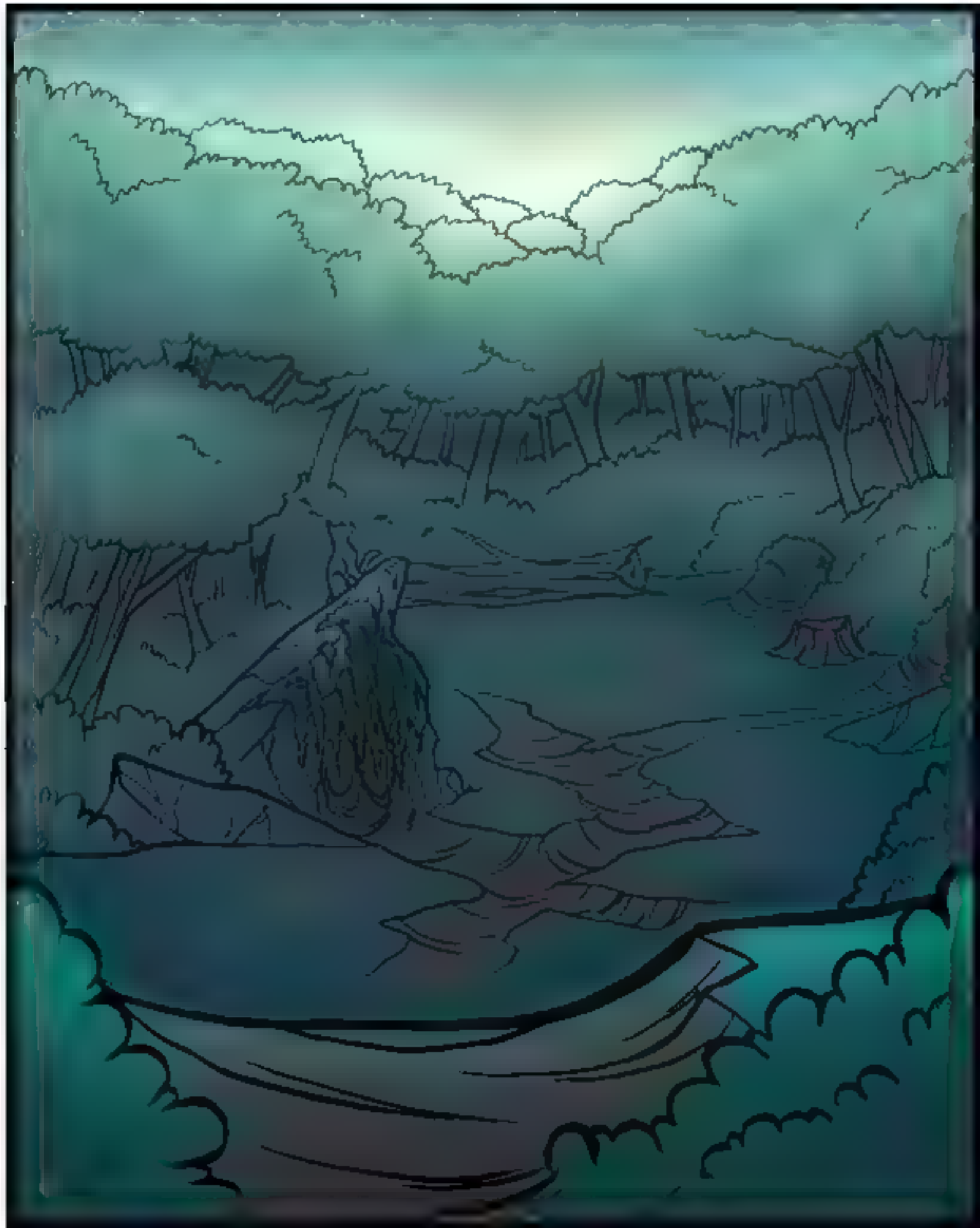
**THUNDERCLAN WILL
NEVER BE BEATEN!**

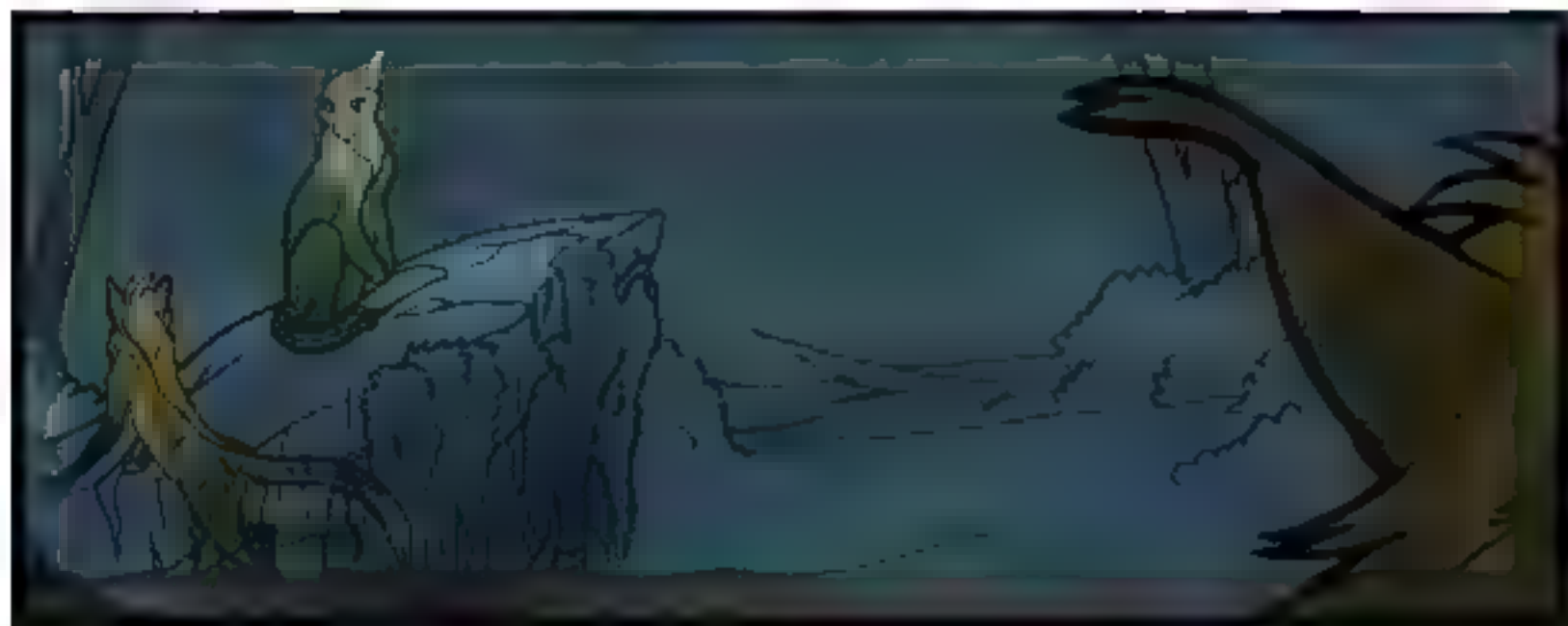
**THIS IS OUR
TERRITORY!**

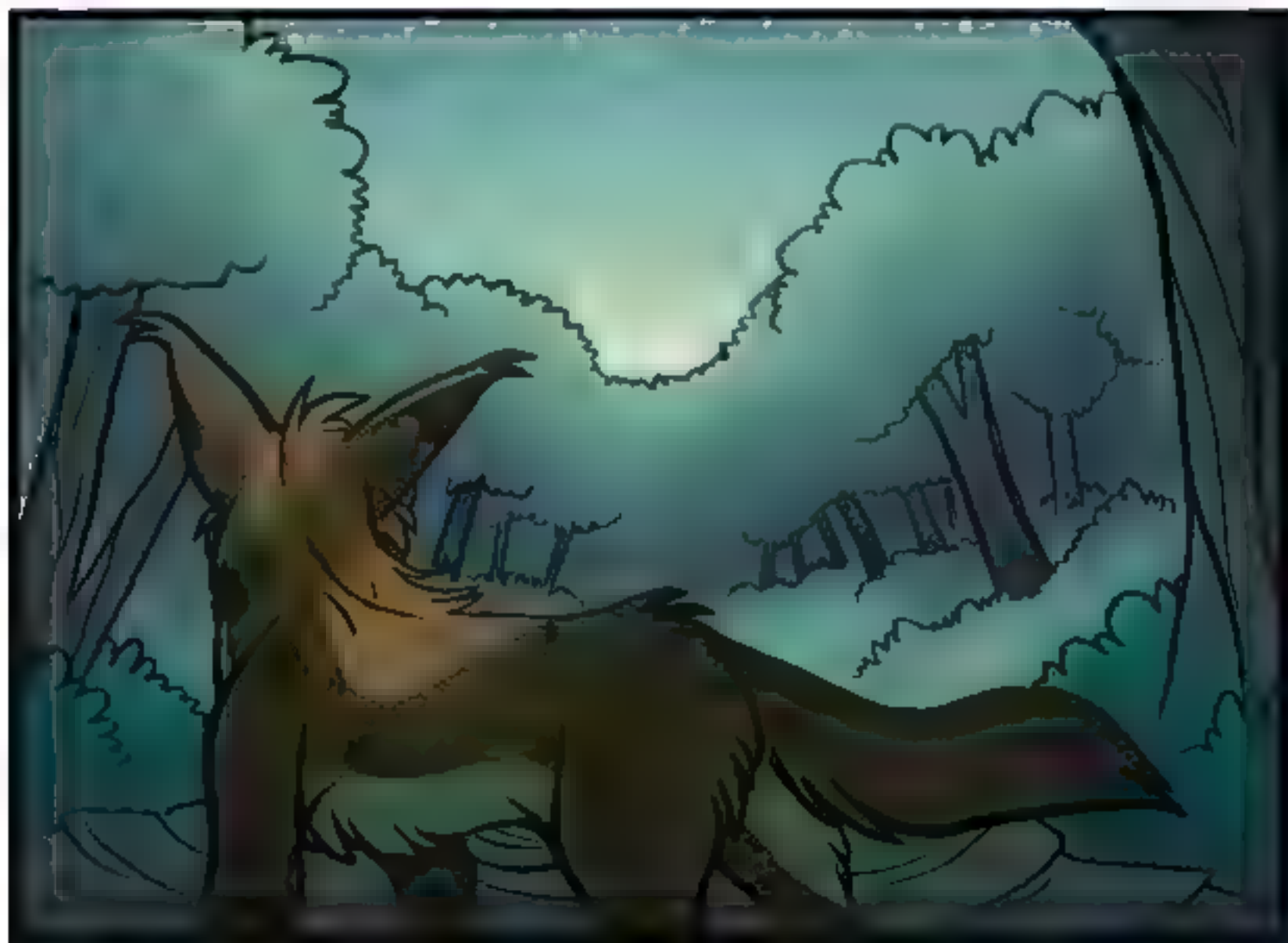
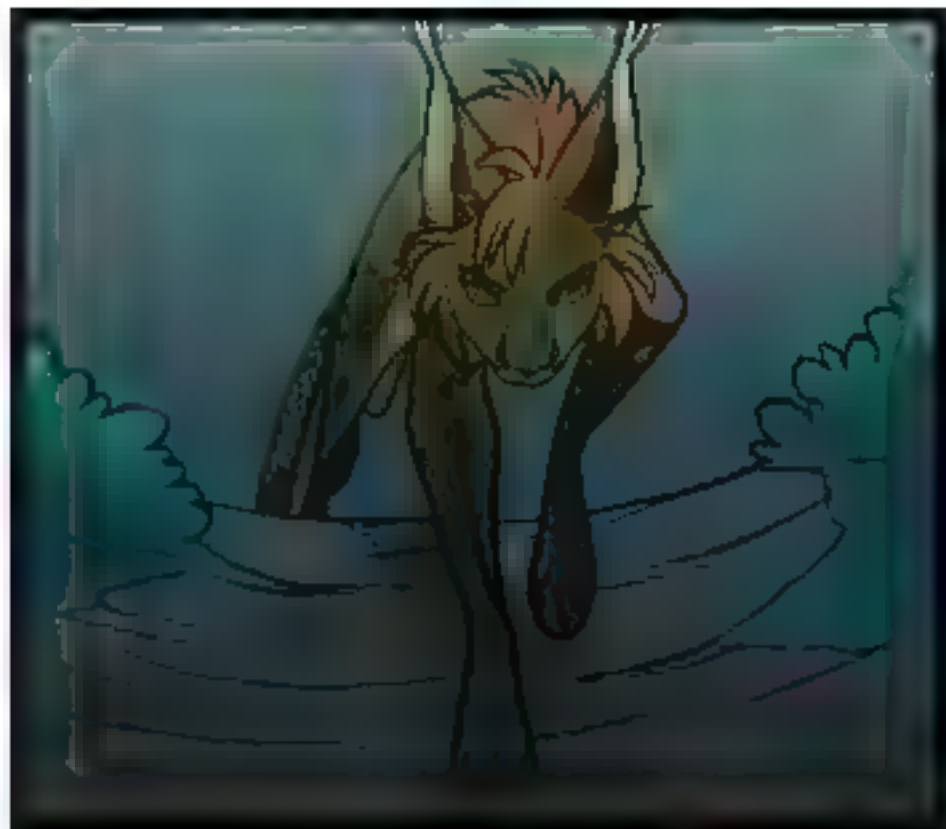
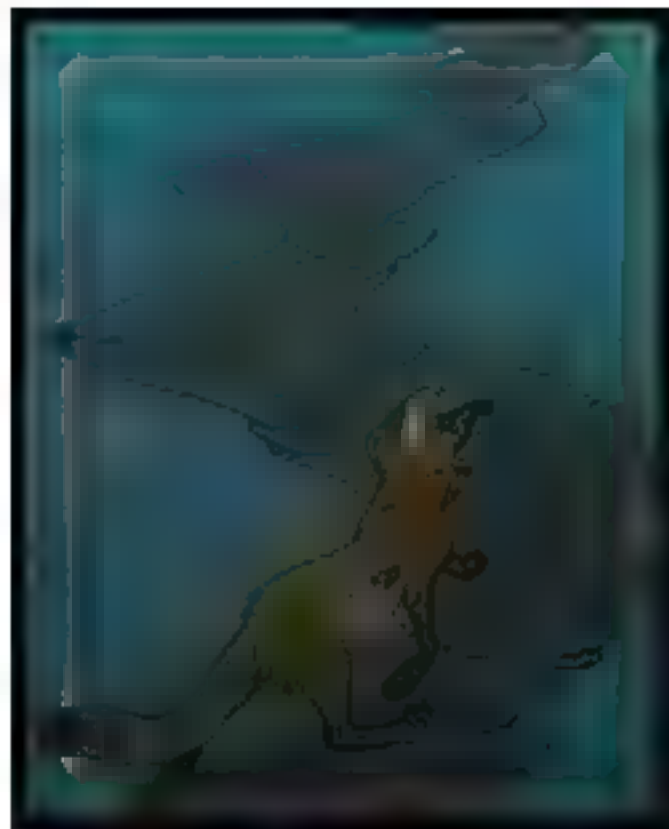


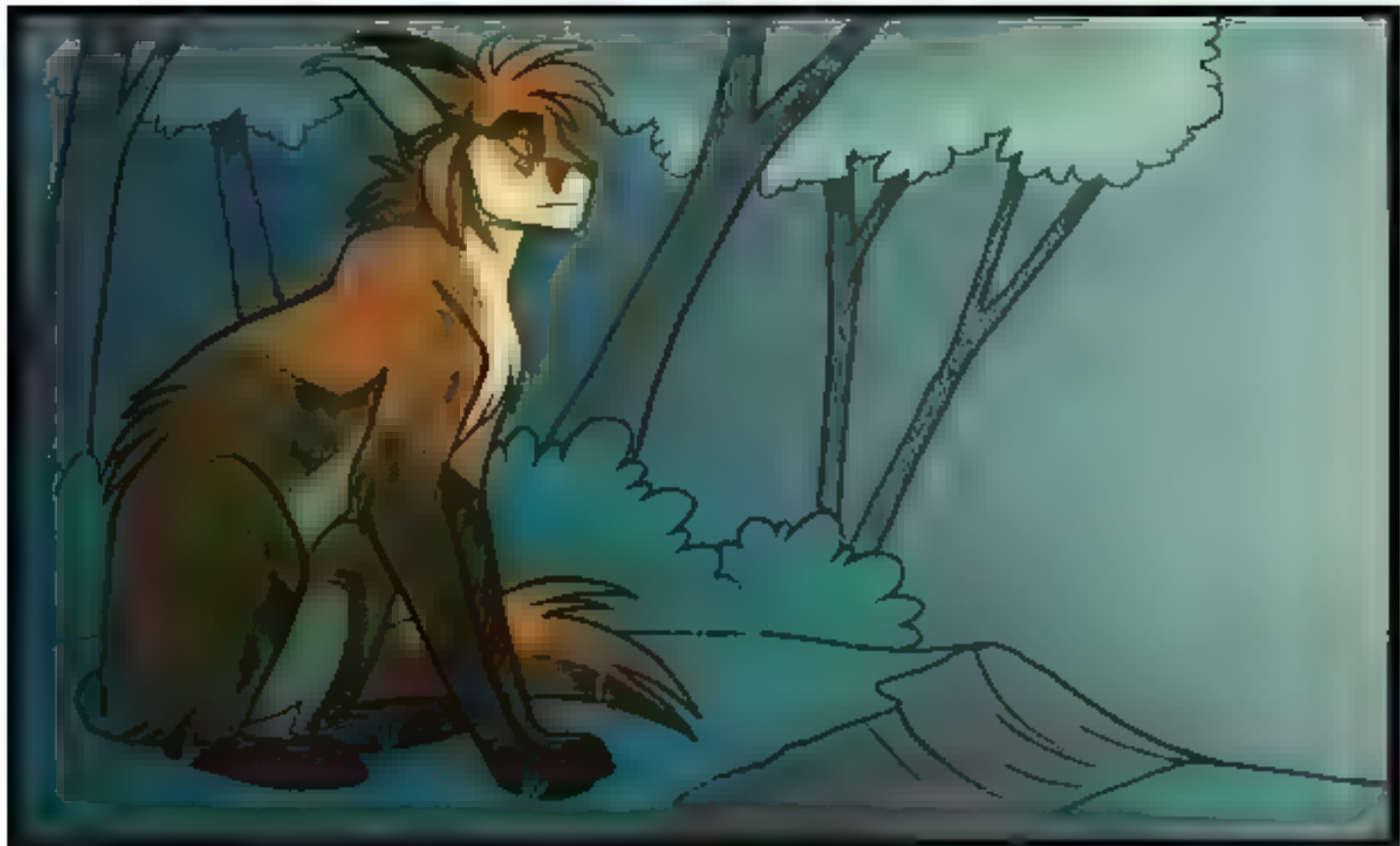




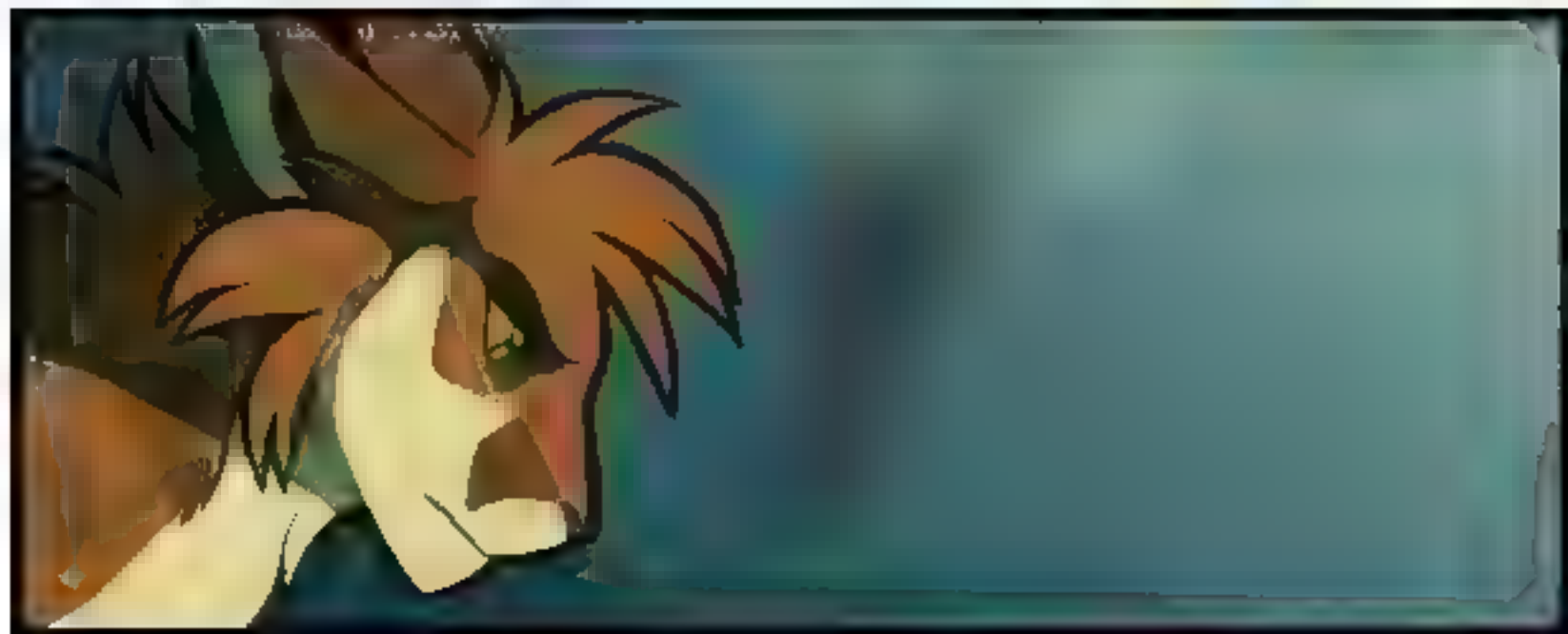


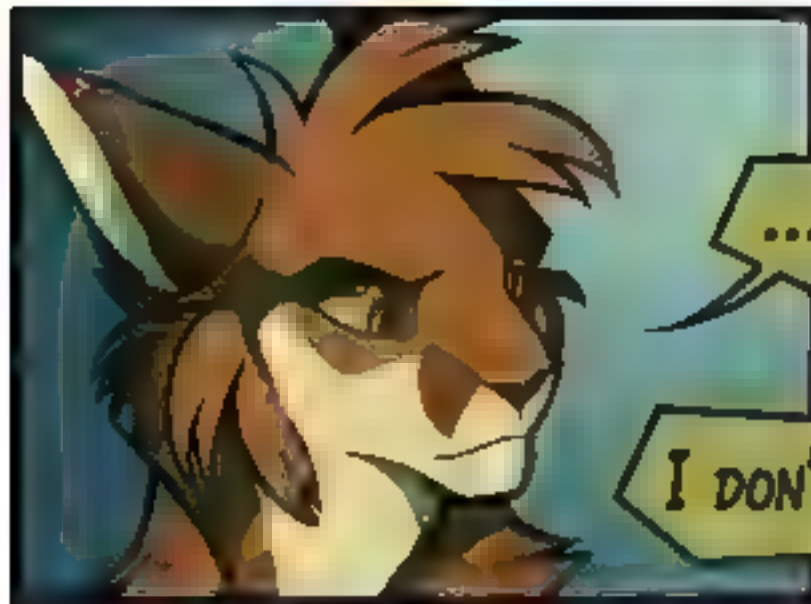






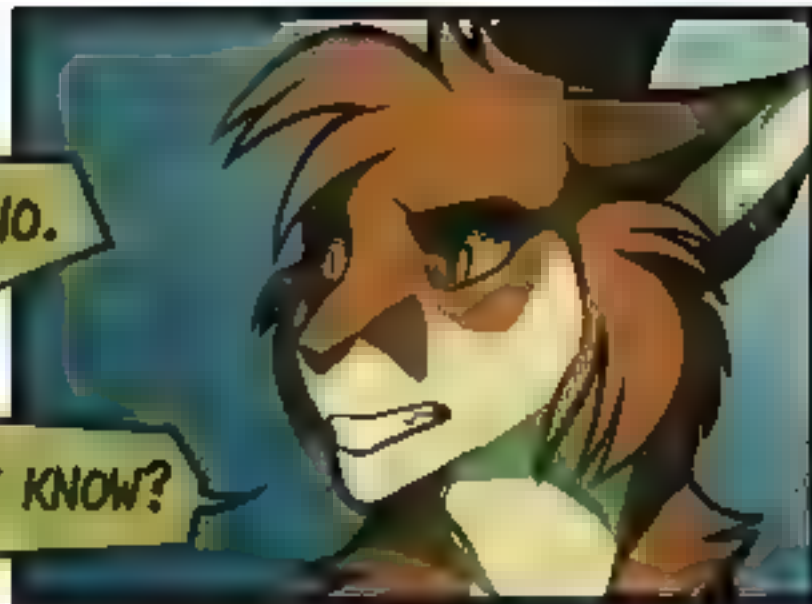






...NO.

I DON'T KNOW?



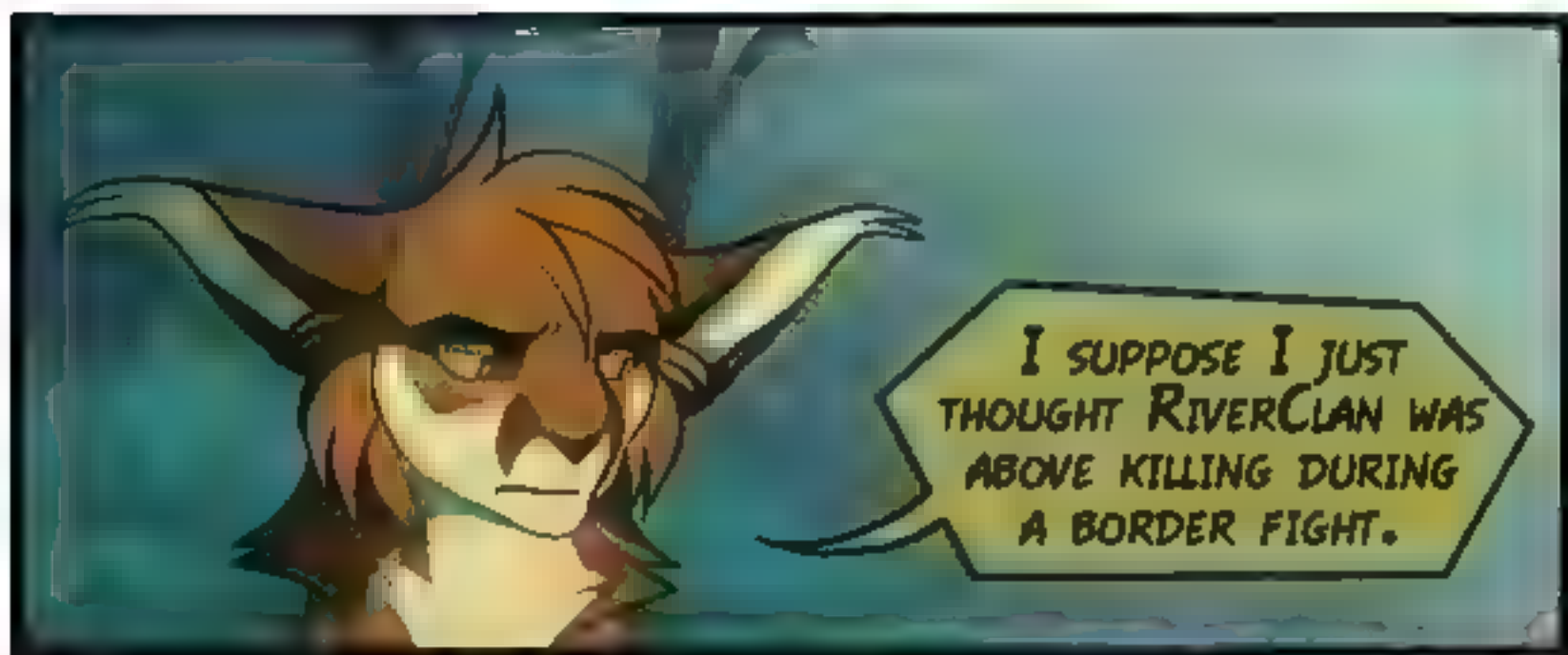
I DIDN'T WANT TO
LOSE ANYONE.

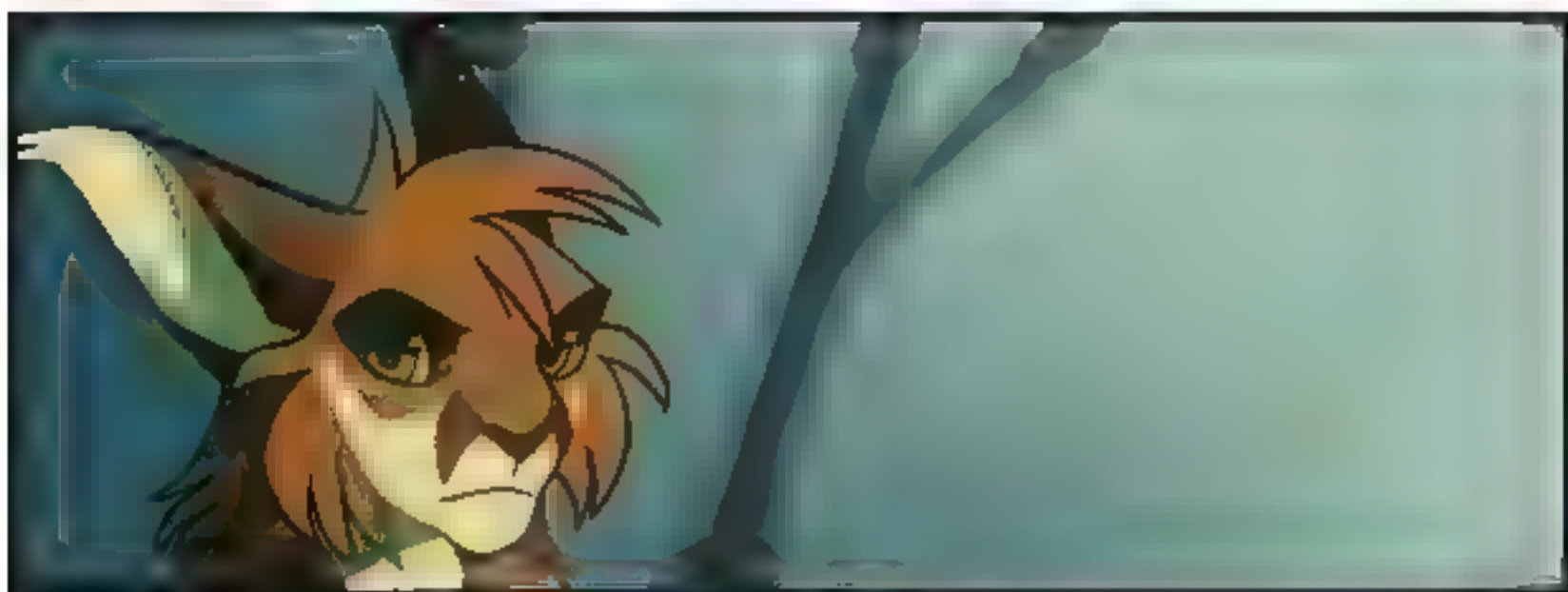


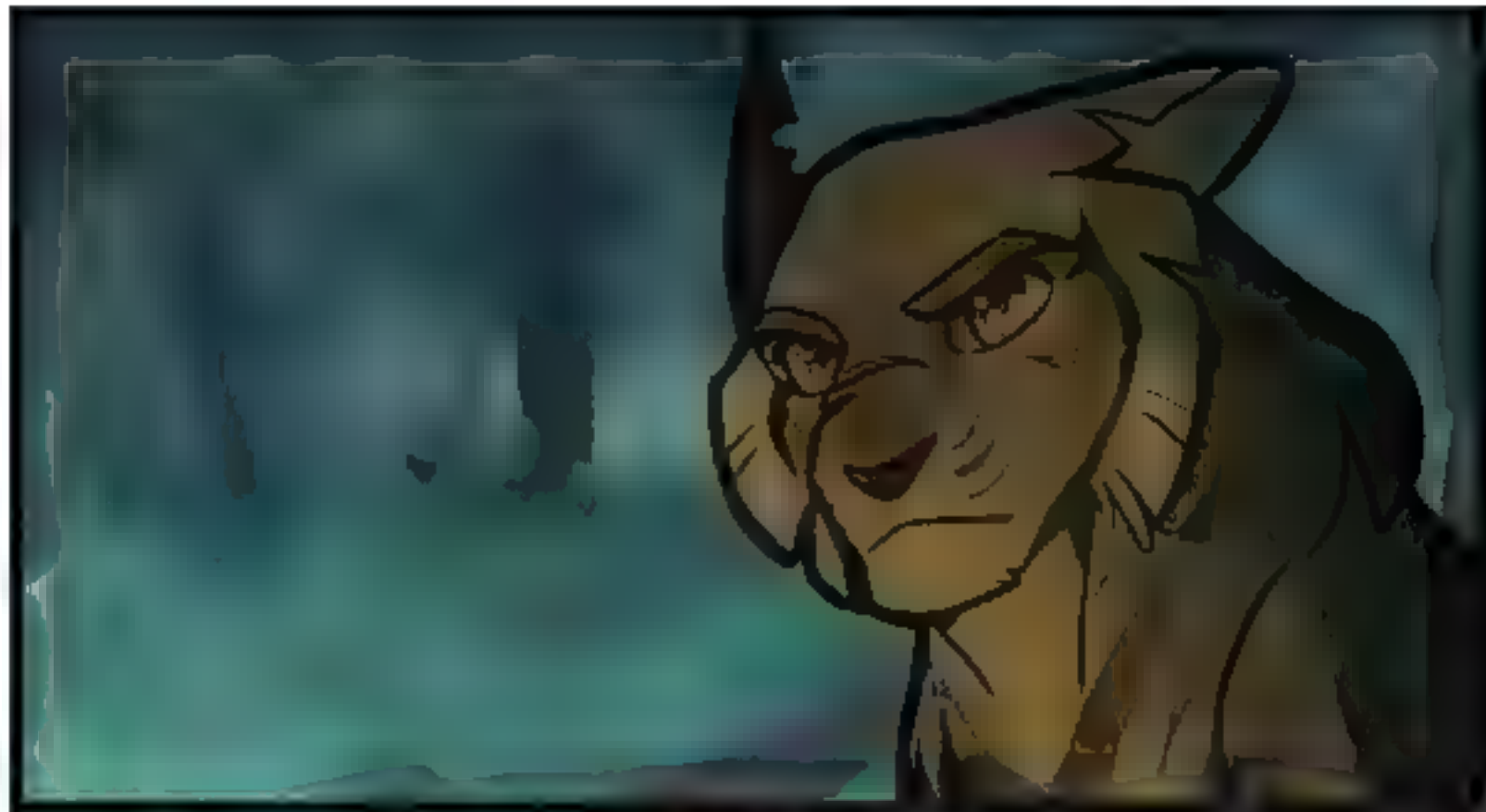
MOUSEFUR IN PARTICULAR
COULD HAVE DIED.



I WOULDN'T HAVE
LET THAT HAPPEN.





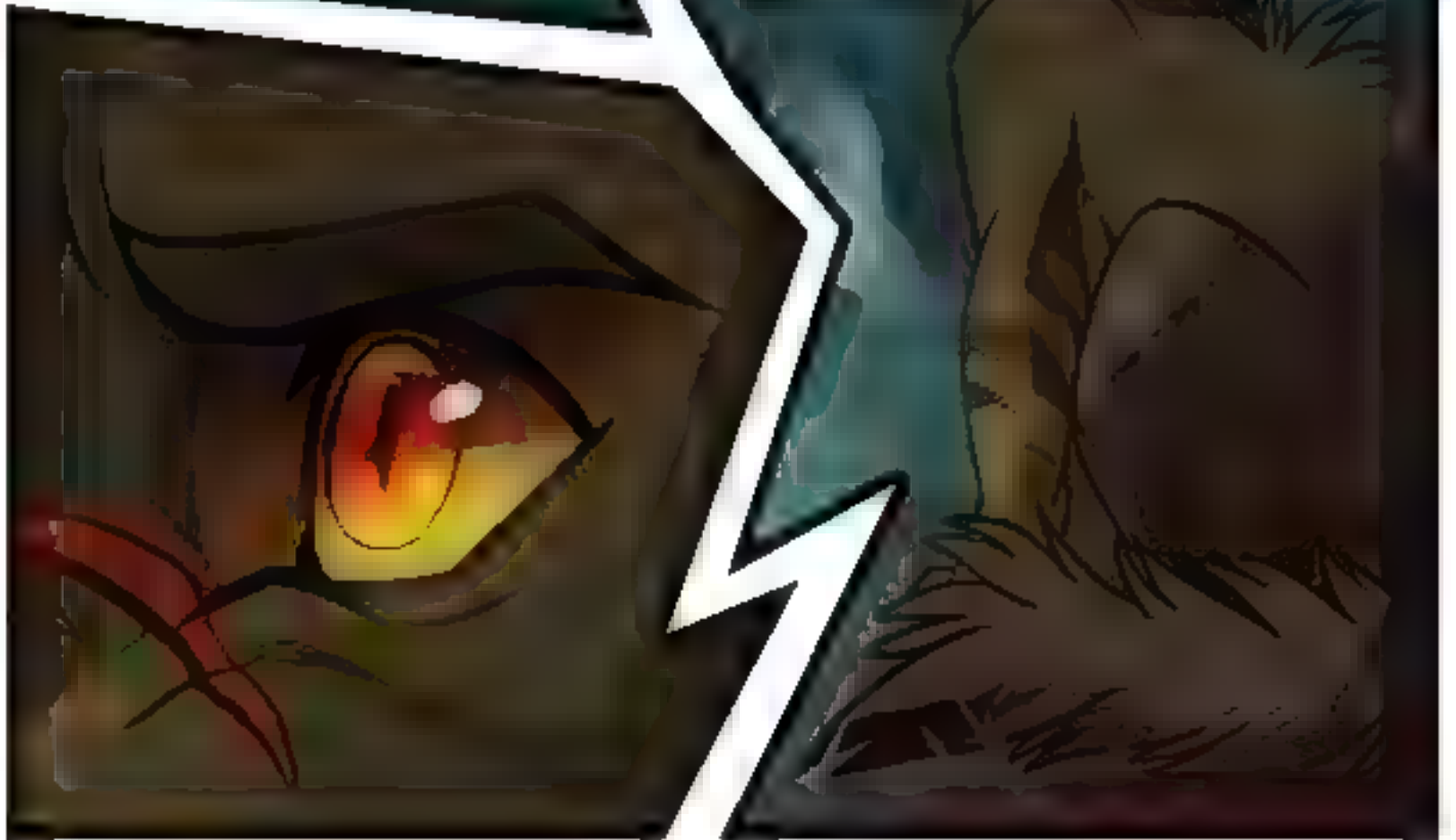
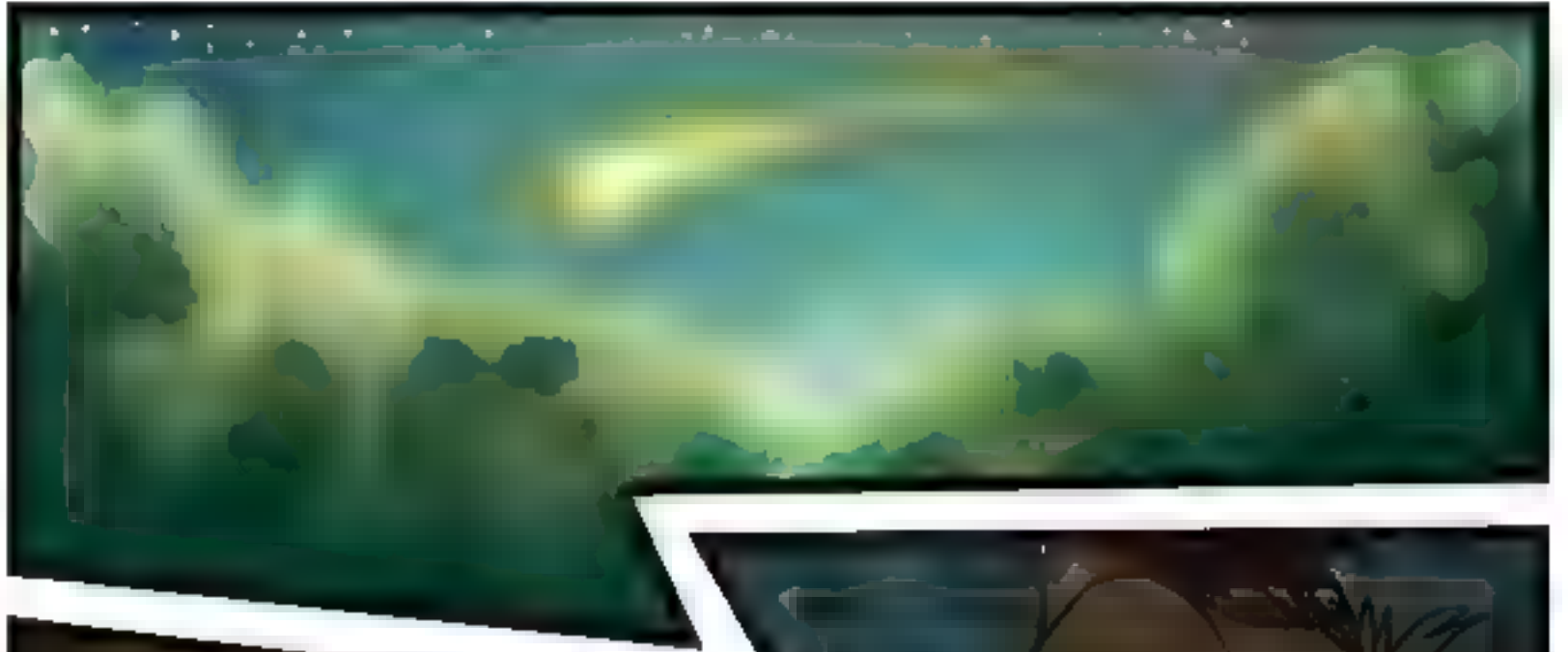
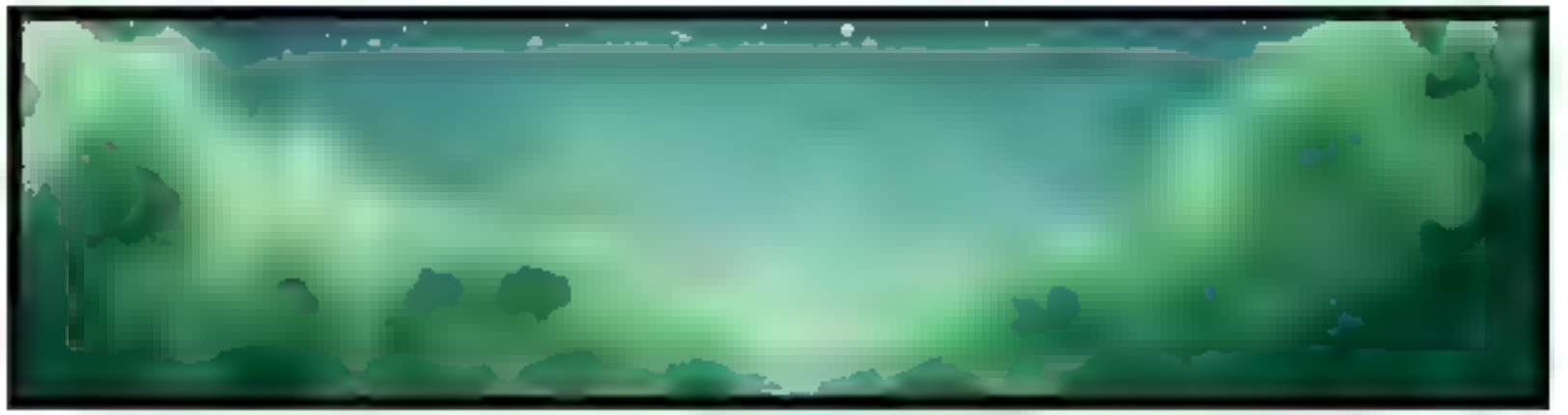


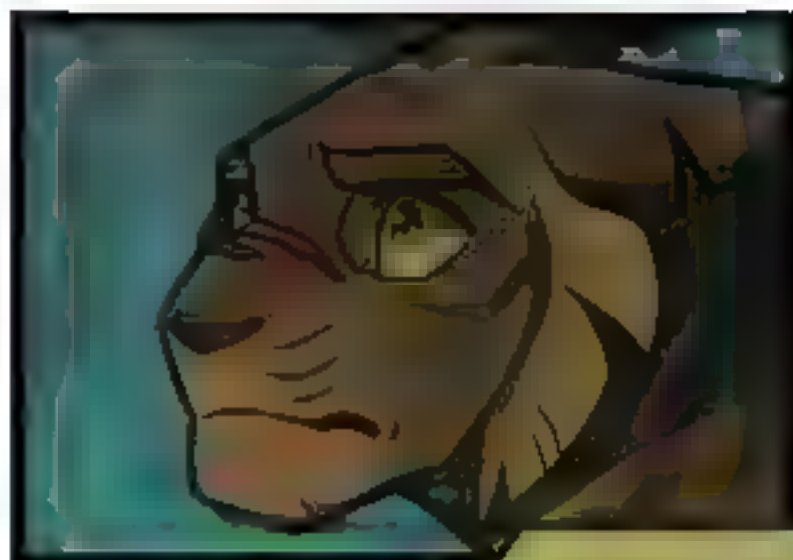
I SUPPOSE WE'LL
NEVER KNOW.

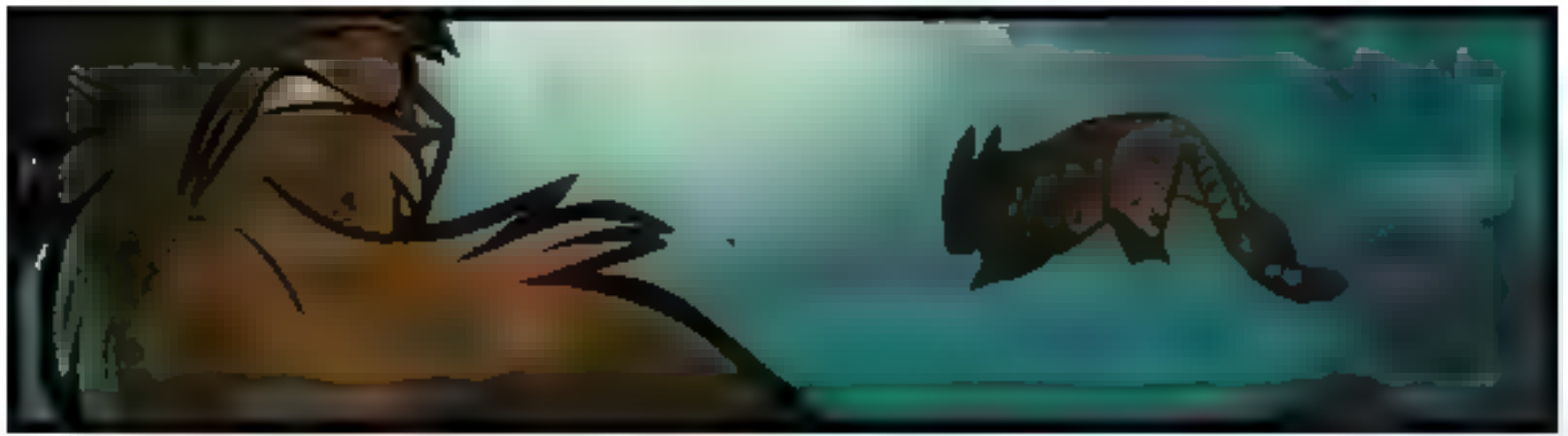
BUT THAT'S WHAT
BEING A WARRIOR IS
ALL ABOUT.

ALWAYS BEING READY TO
FIGHT, EVEN AT THE COST OF
YOUR OWN LIFE.

I THOUGHT IT WAS
ABOUT PROTECTING
OTHERS.














WE HAD TO RETREAT.

W-WAS ANYONE HURT?

NOT BADLY.

TIGERCLAW WILL
HAVE A SCAR.

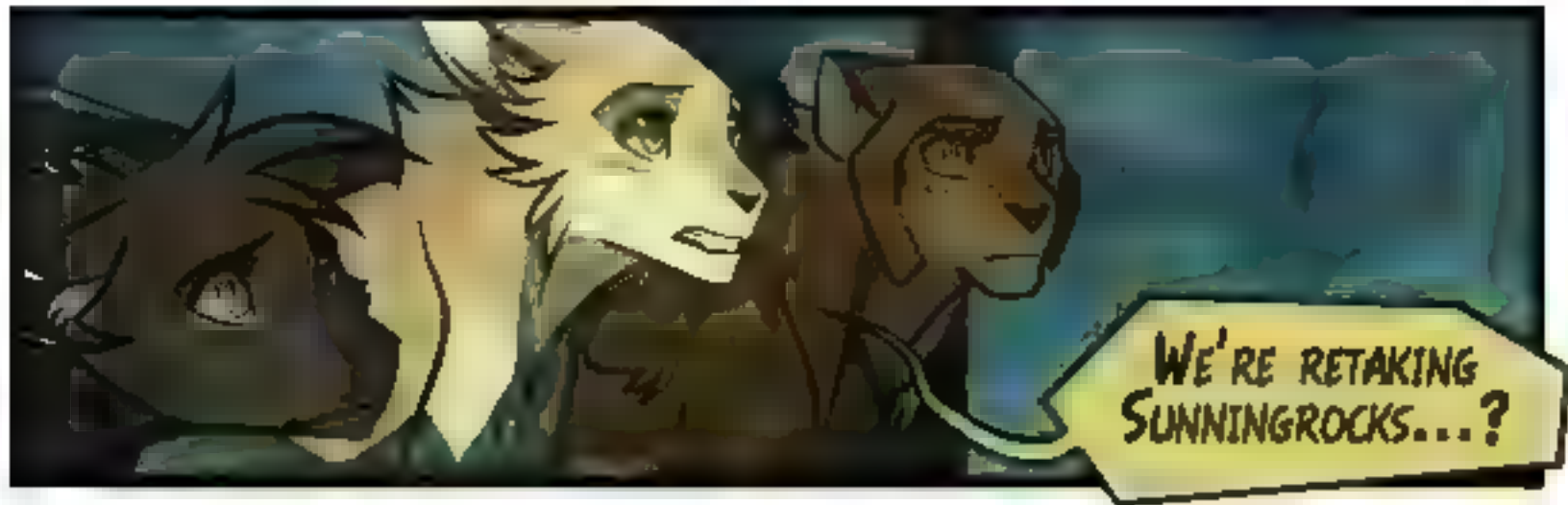
I....

WE SAW HIM.

IS HE MAD...?

WE'RE ALL JUST TIRED.

BUT WE'LL FIGHT
BACK HARDER NEXT
TIME.

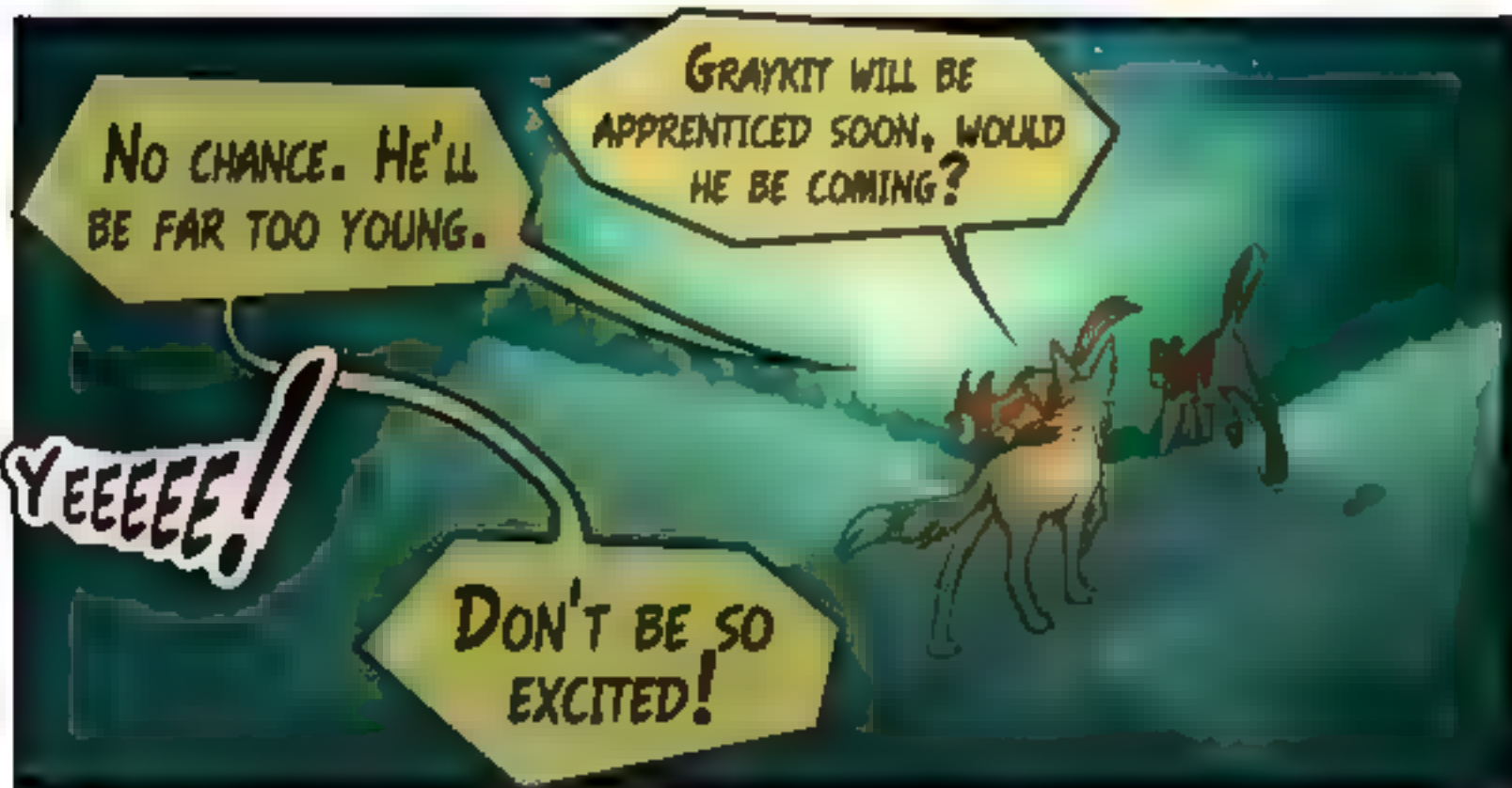




BUT WE SHOULD TAKE SOME
TIME TO RECOVER FIRST. MAYBE ONE OF YOU
WILL JOIN US IN THE BATTLE.



YEAH! I'LL CHASE
THOSE FISH-BREATHS OFF
OUR LAND EASY!



NO CHANCE. HE'LL
BE FAR TOO YOUNG.

GRAYKIT WILL BE
APPRENTICED SOON, WOULD
HE BE COMING?

YEEEEEE!

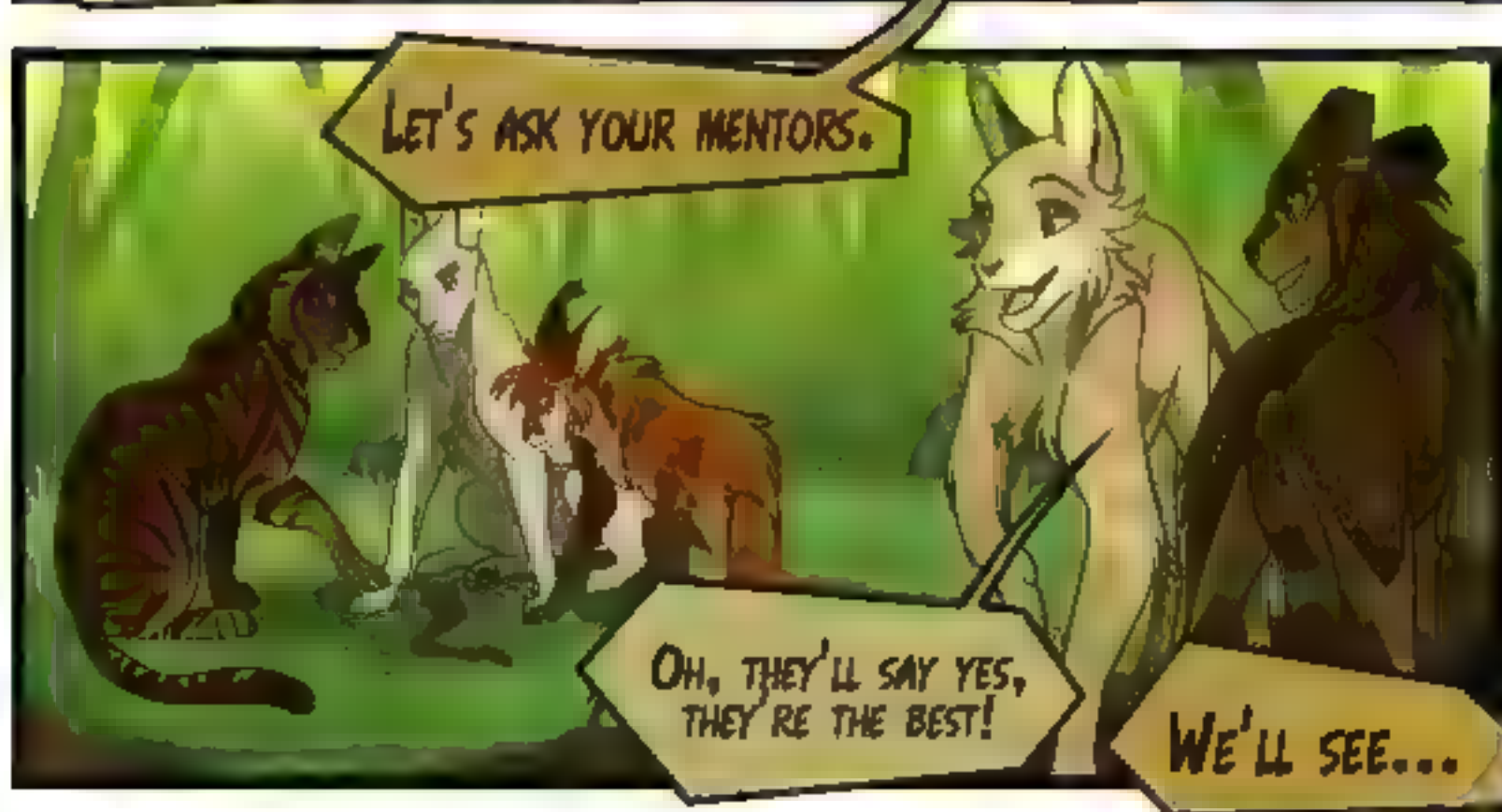
DON'T BE SO
EXCITED!

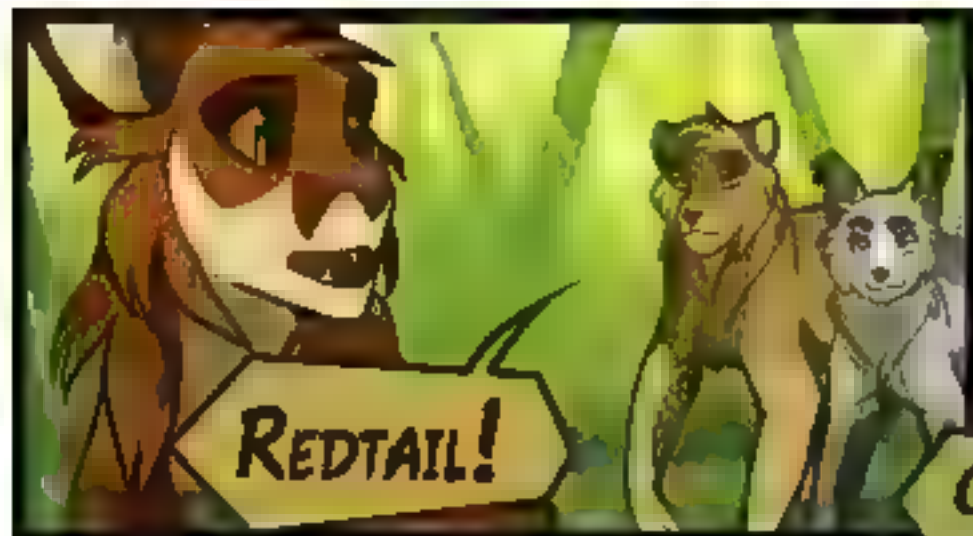
GRAYPAW!

GRAYPAW!

GRAYPAW!





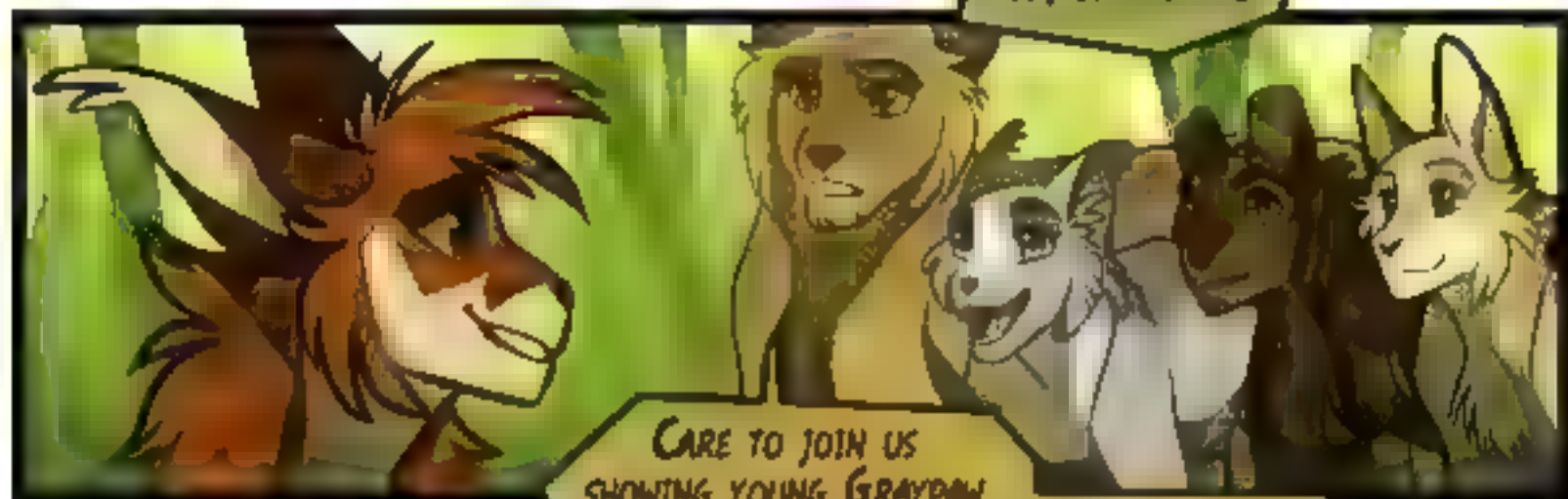


REDTAIL!



OH.

HEY, LIONHEART!



**CARE TO JOIN US
SHOWING YOUNG GRAYPAW
AROUND THE TERRITORY?**

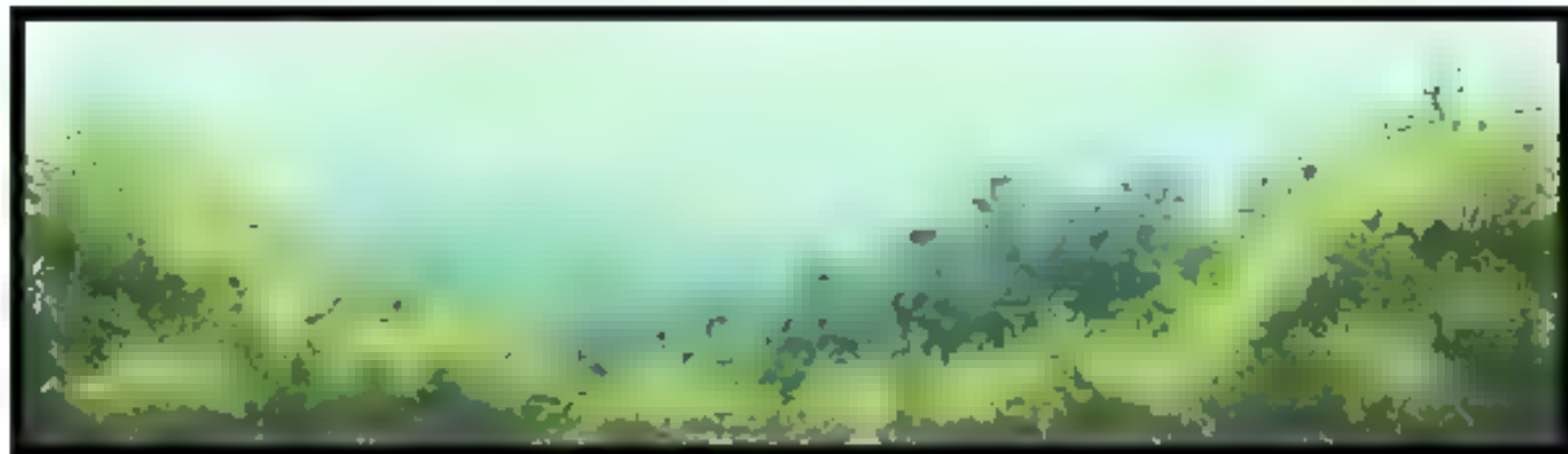
**YOUR APPRENTICES
SEEM EAGER TO COME.**



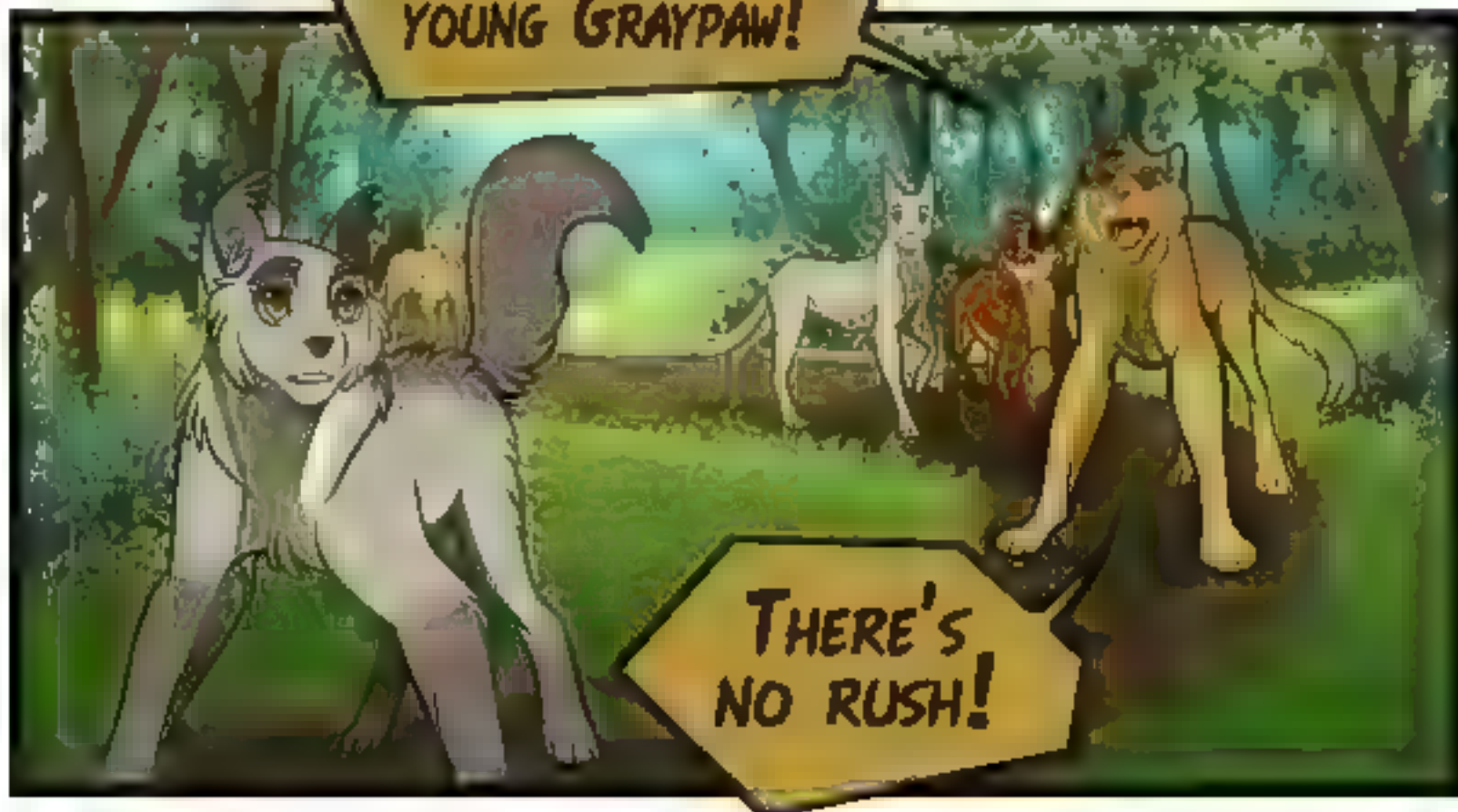
GLADLY.

I'D LOVE TO!

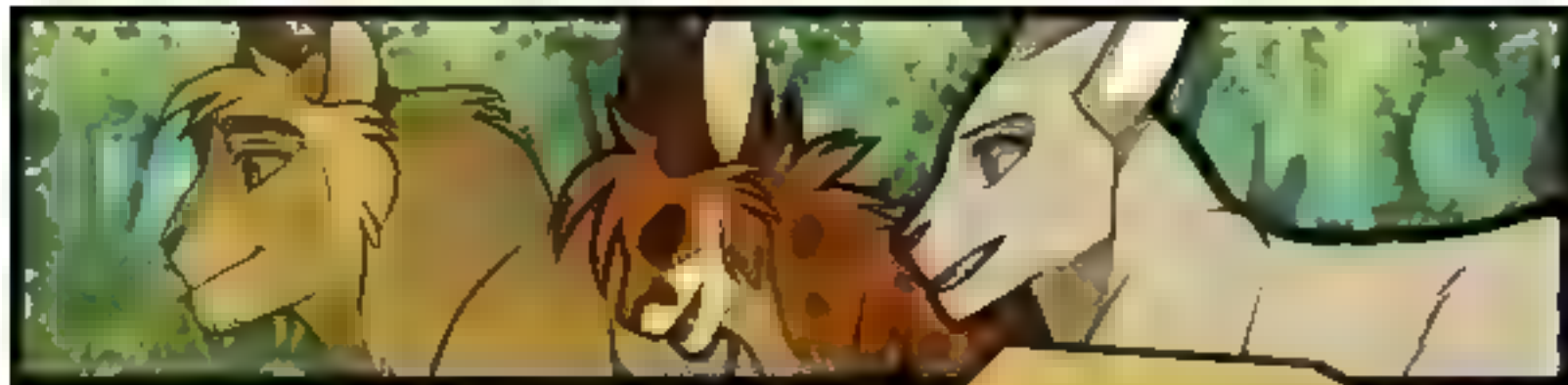




**SLOW DOWN,
YOUNG GRAYPAW!**



**THERE'S
NO RUSH!**



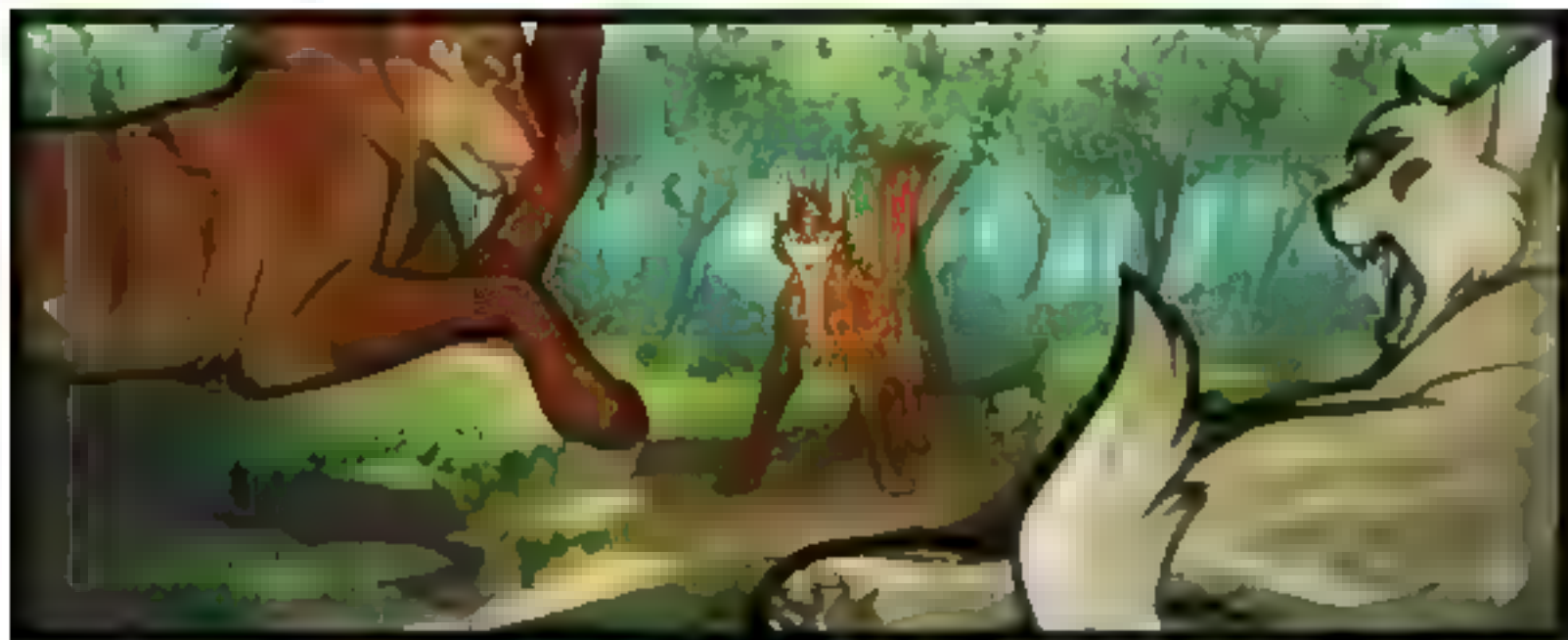
I MISS HAVING
THAT KIND OF ENERGY.

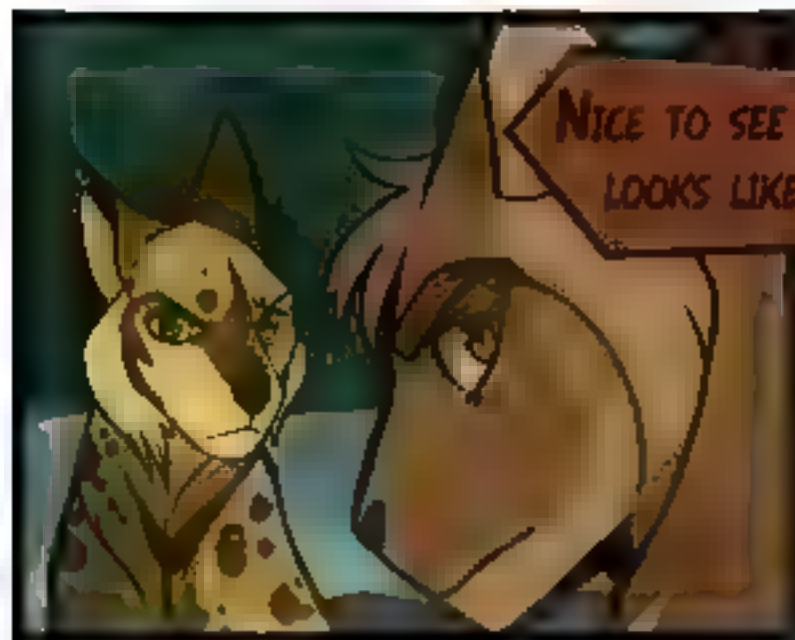


HEY, I SMELL SOMETHING
FUNNY THIS WAY!



I THINK IT'S OTHER CATS!



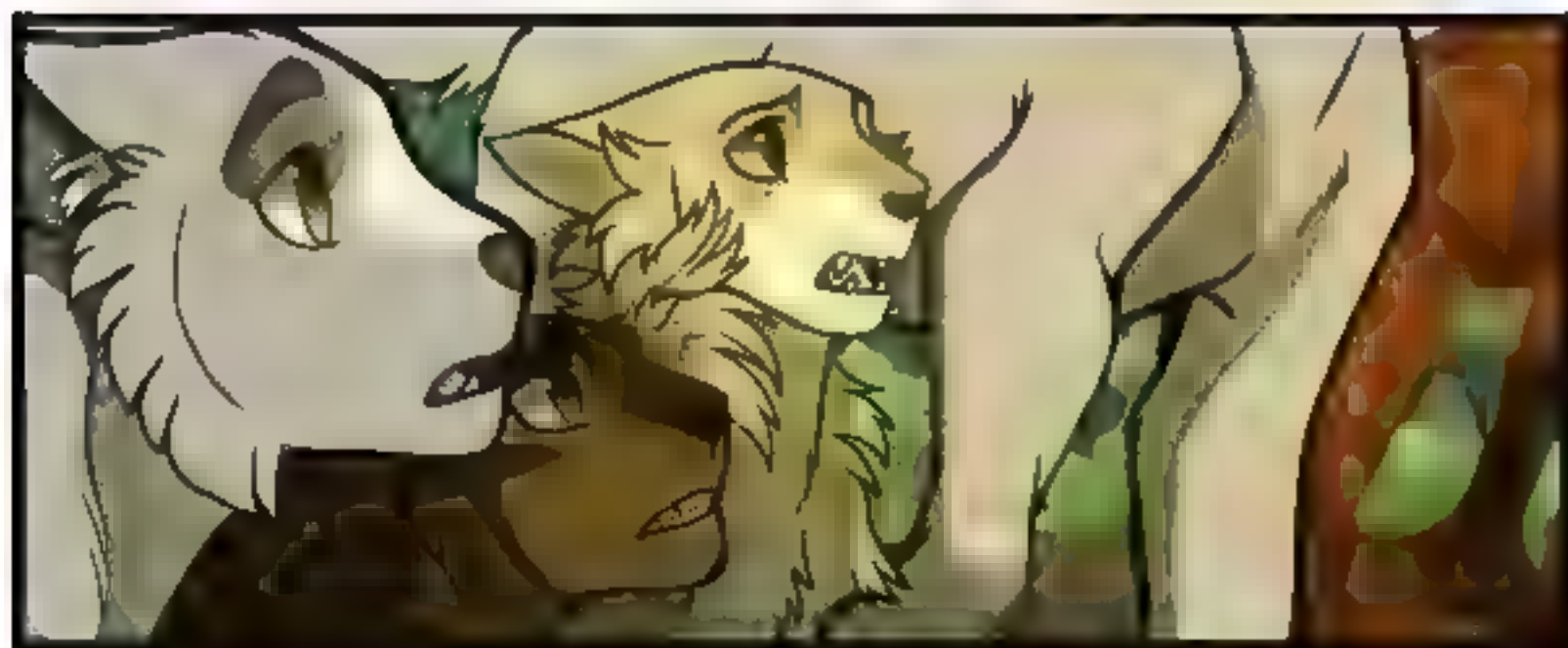


NICE TO SEE WHAT FAILURE
LOOKS LIKE UP CLOSE!

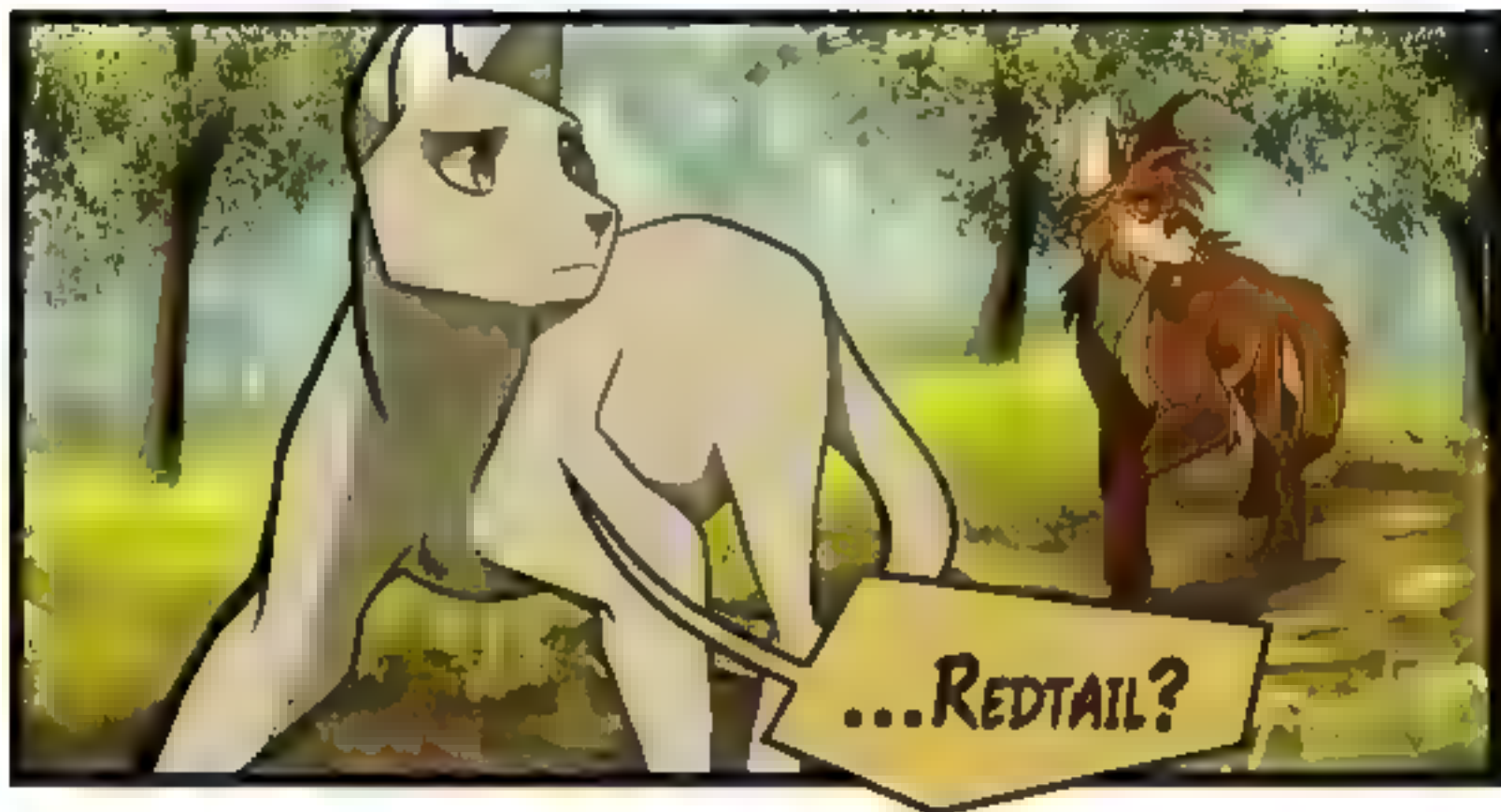


HOW DARE YOU!

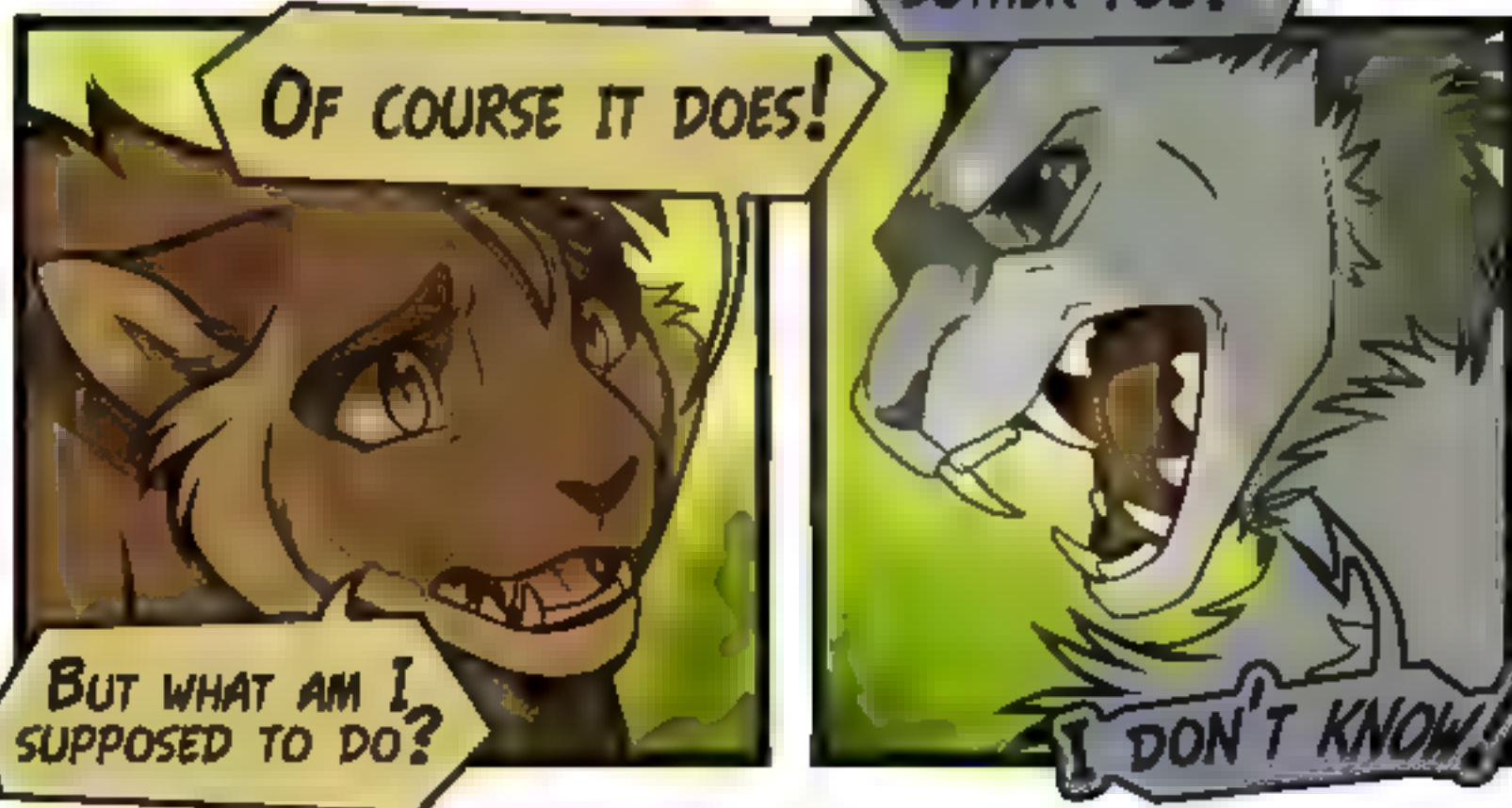
WE'LL TEACH YOU--

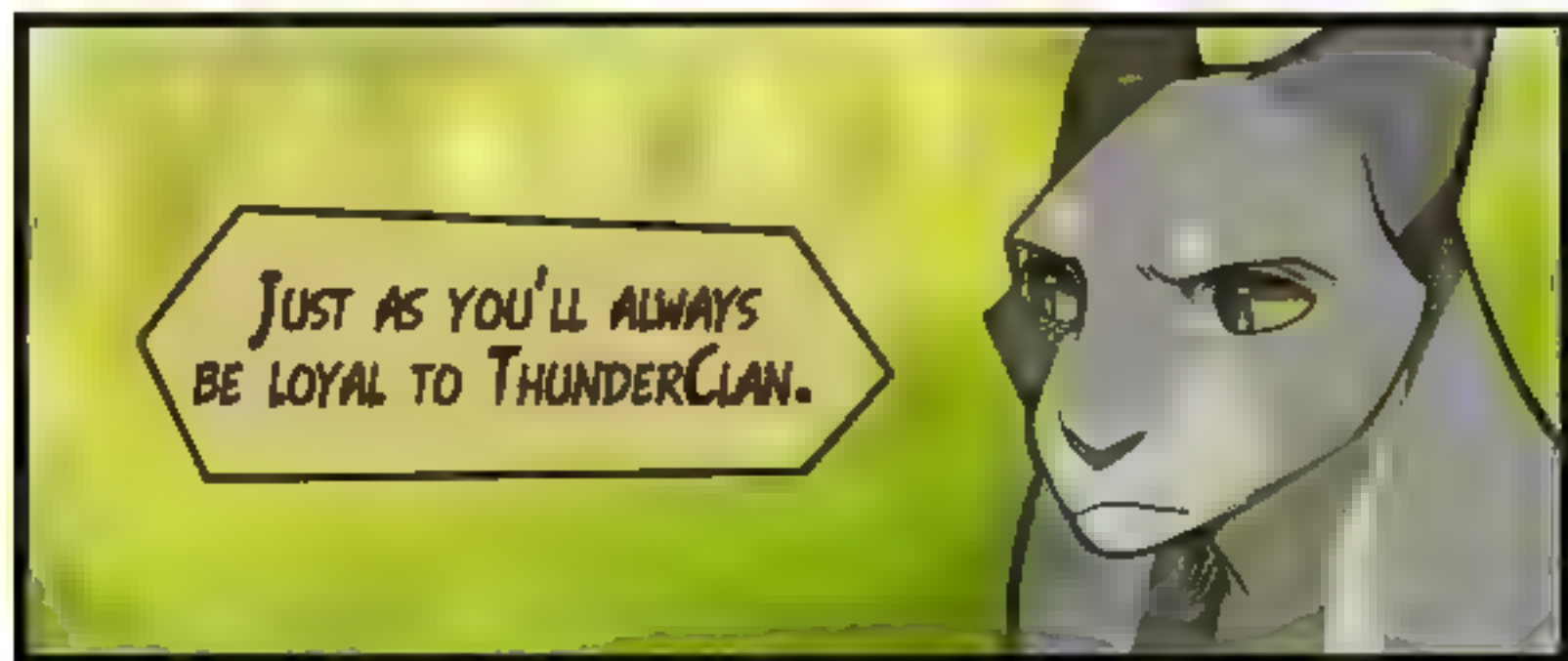








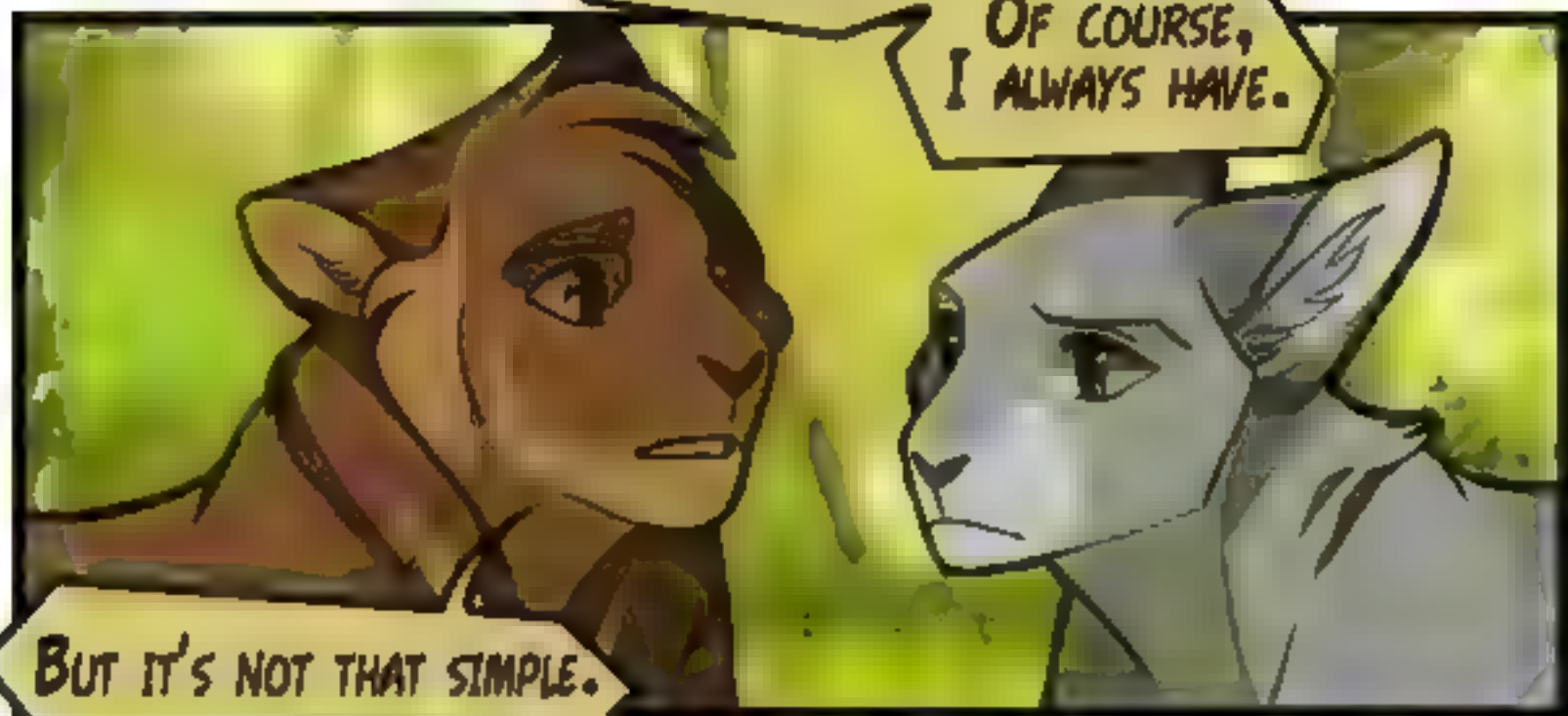




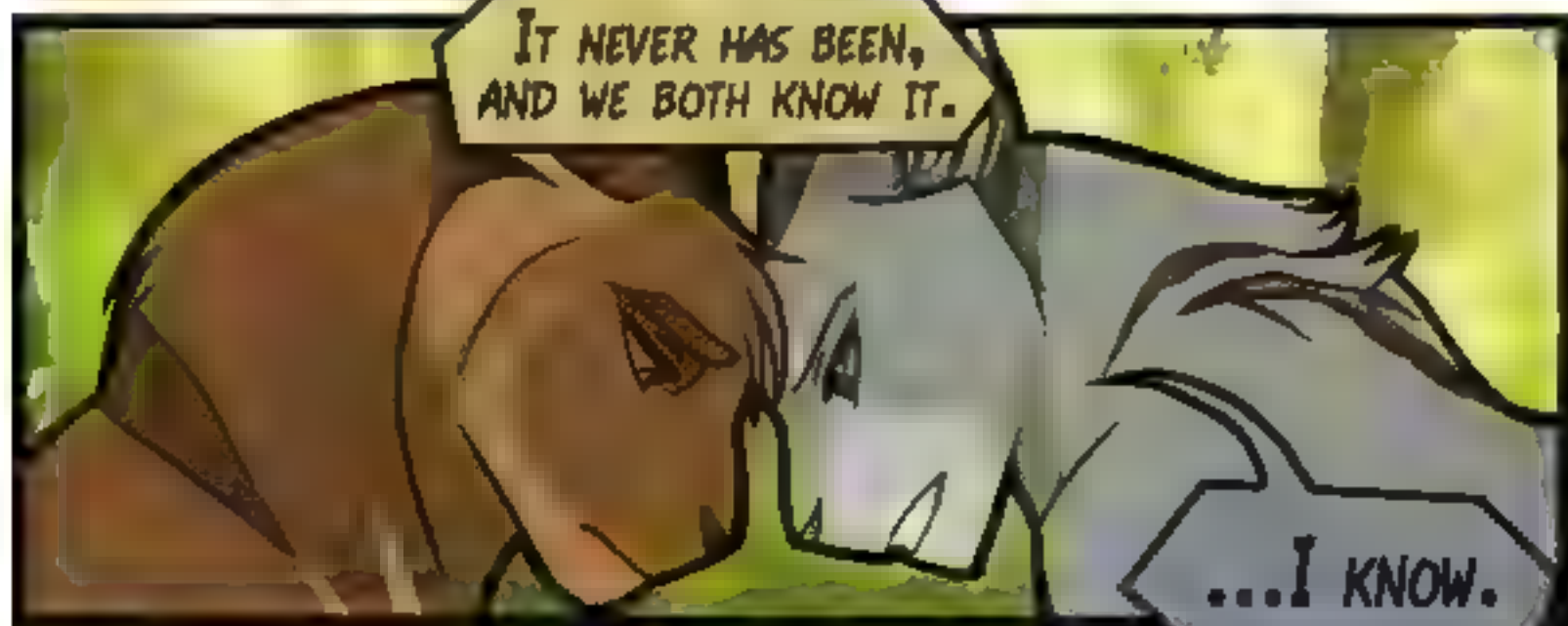


DO I WISH WE
COULD WORK THIS OUT
SOMEHOW?

OF COURSE,
I ALWAYS HAVE.





BUT IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.




IT NEVER HAS BEEN,
AND WE BOTH KNOW IT.


...I KNOW.



BUT I WILL TAKE
THIS LAND BACK.



DON'T THINK IT
YOURS FOREVER.



I WOULDN'T HAVE
IT ANY OTHER WAY.















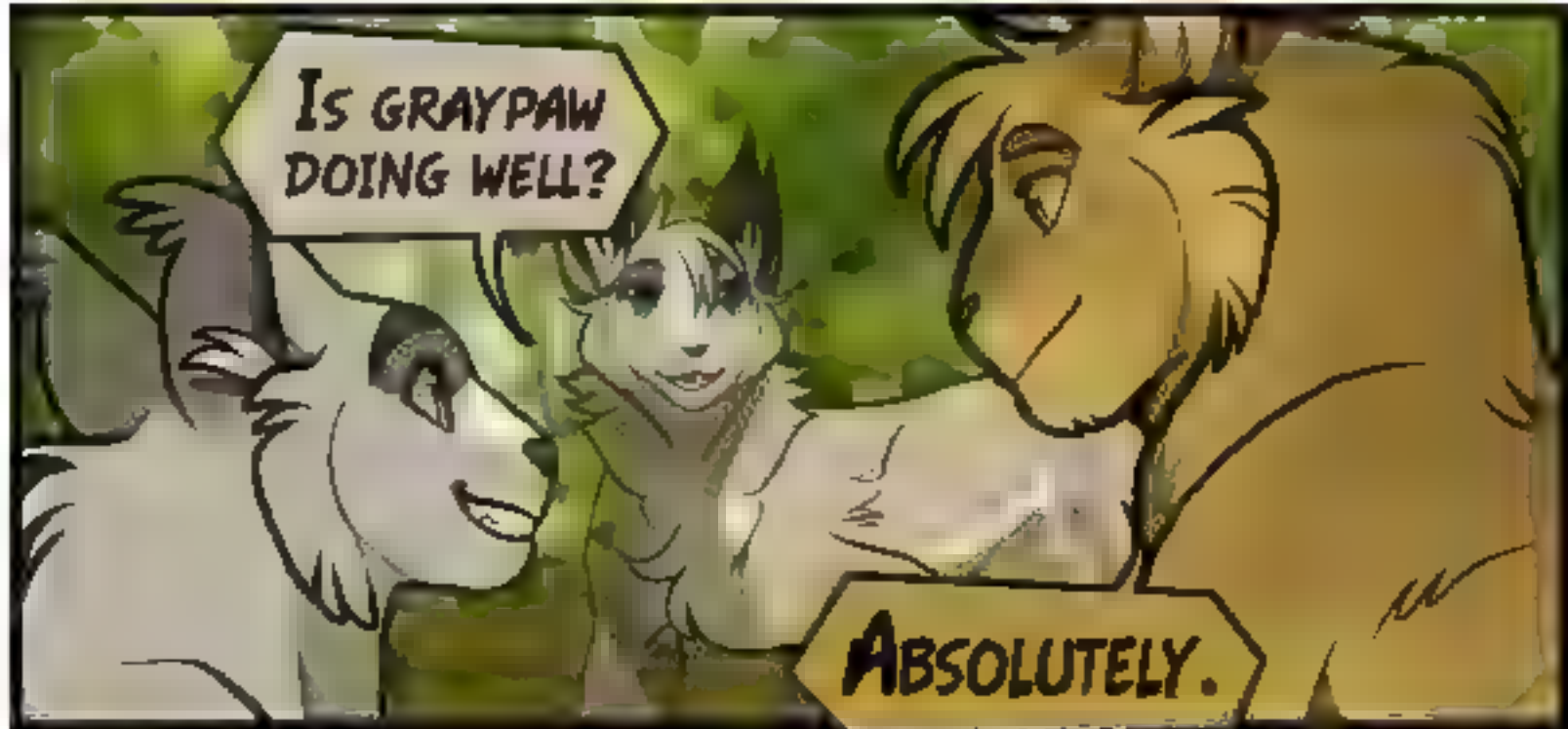
WILLOWPELT.

SPOTTEDLEAF.




HEY, GUYS.

HOW IS THE PATROL?



IS GRAYPAW
DOING WELL?


ABSOLUTELY.




WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

I NEEDED TO GATHER
HERBS AND WILLOWPELT CAME
AS MY BODYGUARD.

MIND IF WE STEAL
OUR BROTHER?



ONLY IF
I CAN COME.



LIONHEART, THINK
YOU CAN HANDLE THE
APPRENTICES?

CERTAINLY.


WE'LL MEET YOU
BACK AT CAMP.





**TIGERCLAW MUST
BE ON HIS PATROL
BY NOW.**



A panel showing three cats. On the left, a small gray kitten (Graypaw) is being held by a larger gray cat. To the right, a brown cat with a white patch on its face is looking towards them.

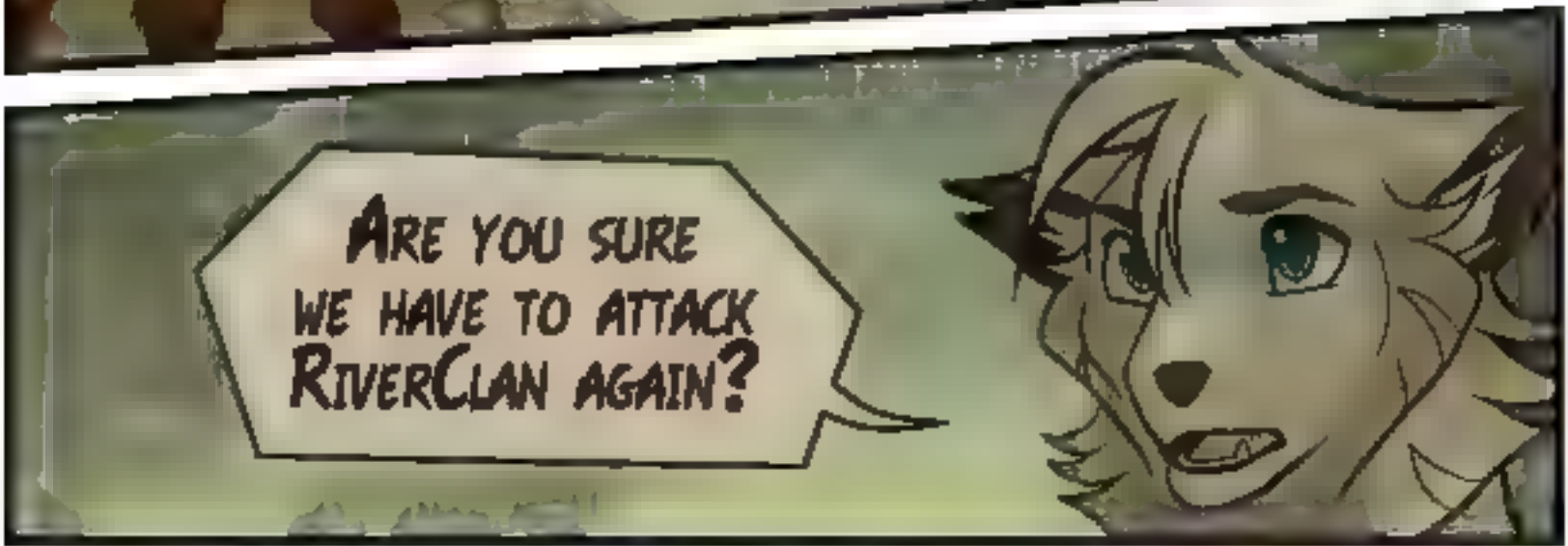
SO GRAYPAW
IS DOING WELL?

HE'LL BE A GREAT
WARRIOR ONE DAY.

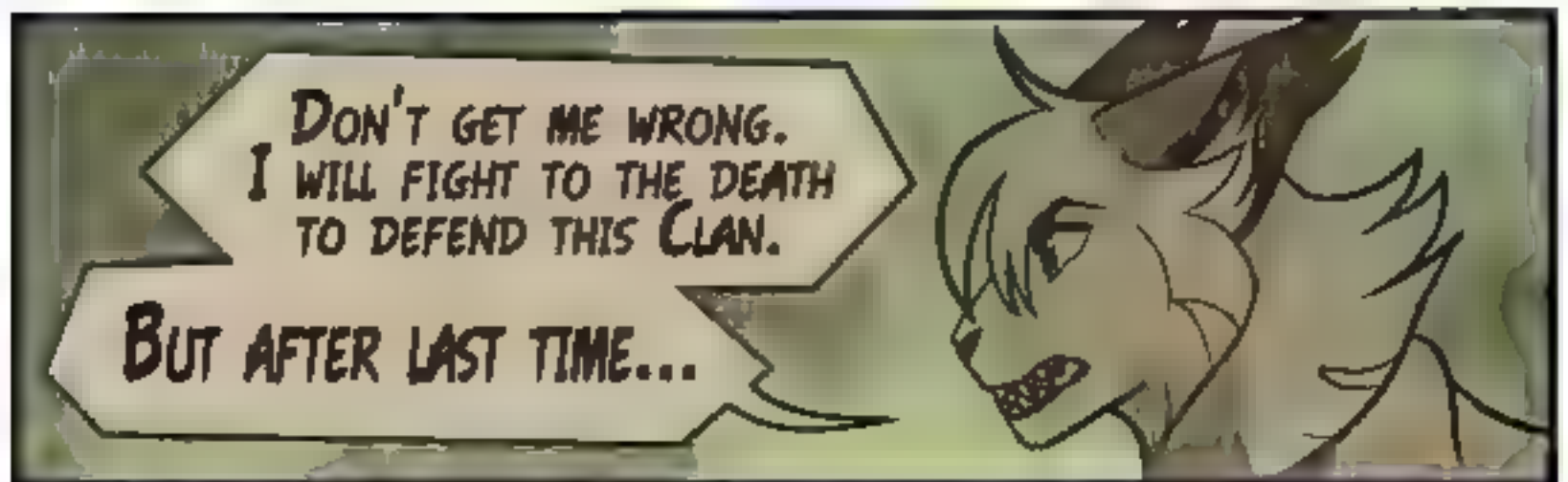
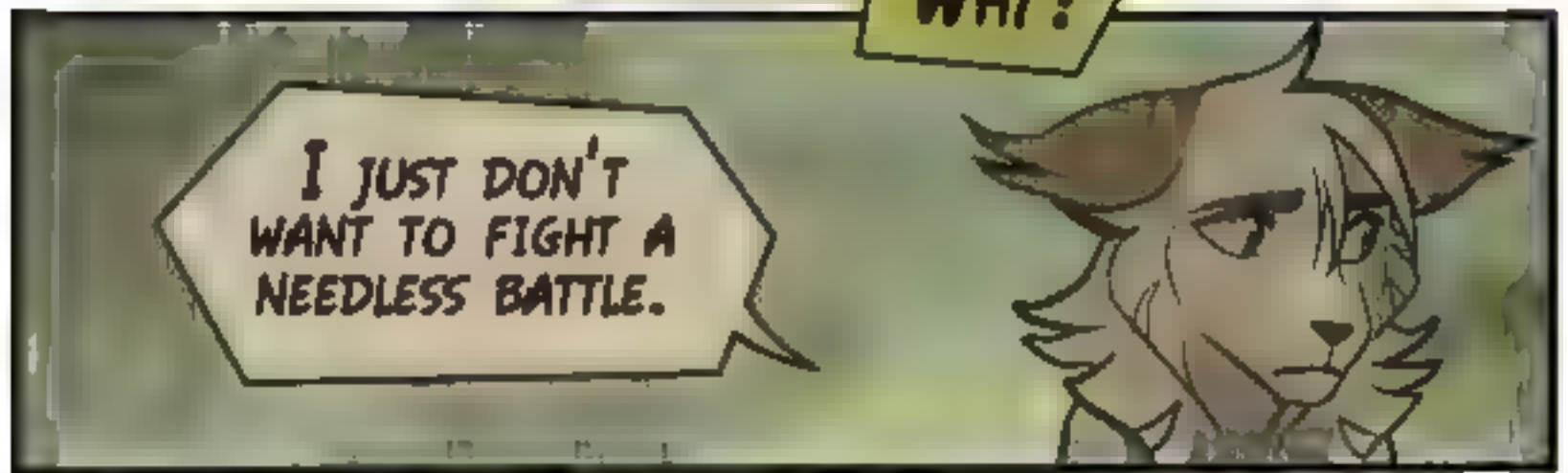
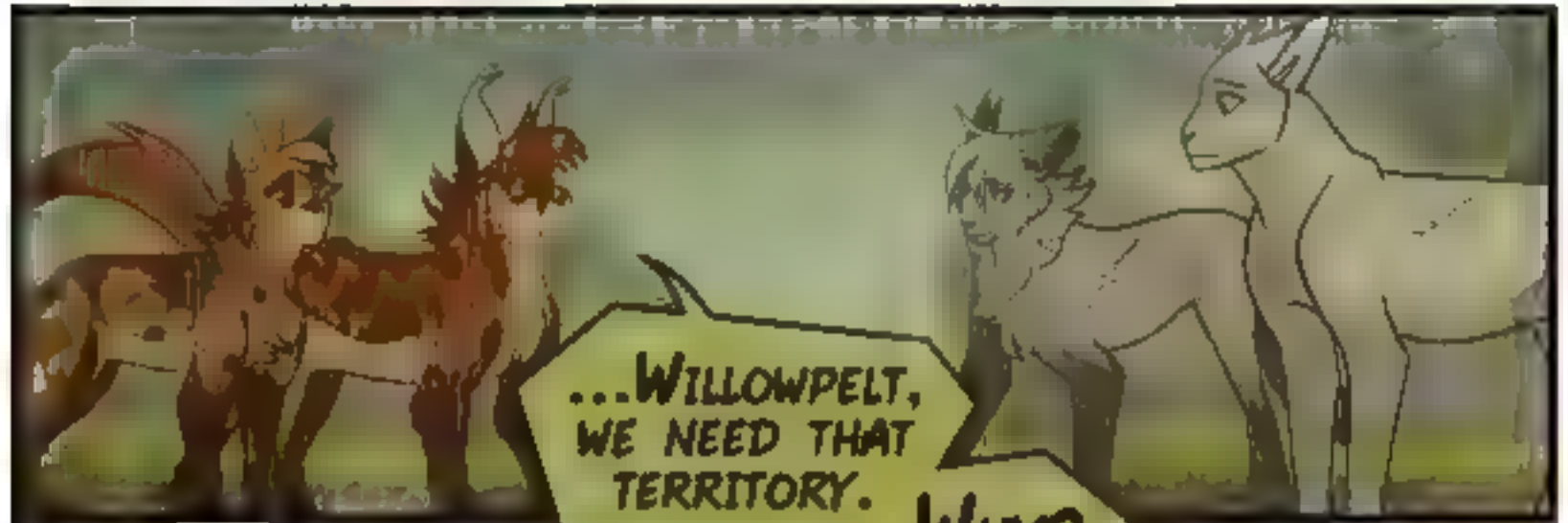
YOU MUST BE PROUD.

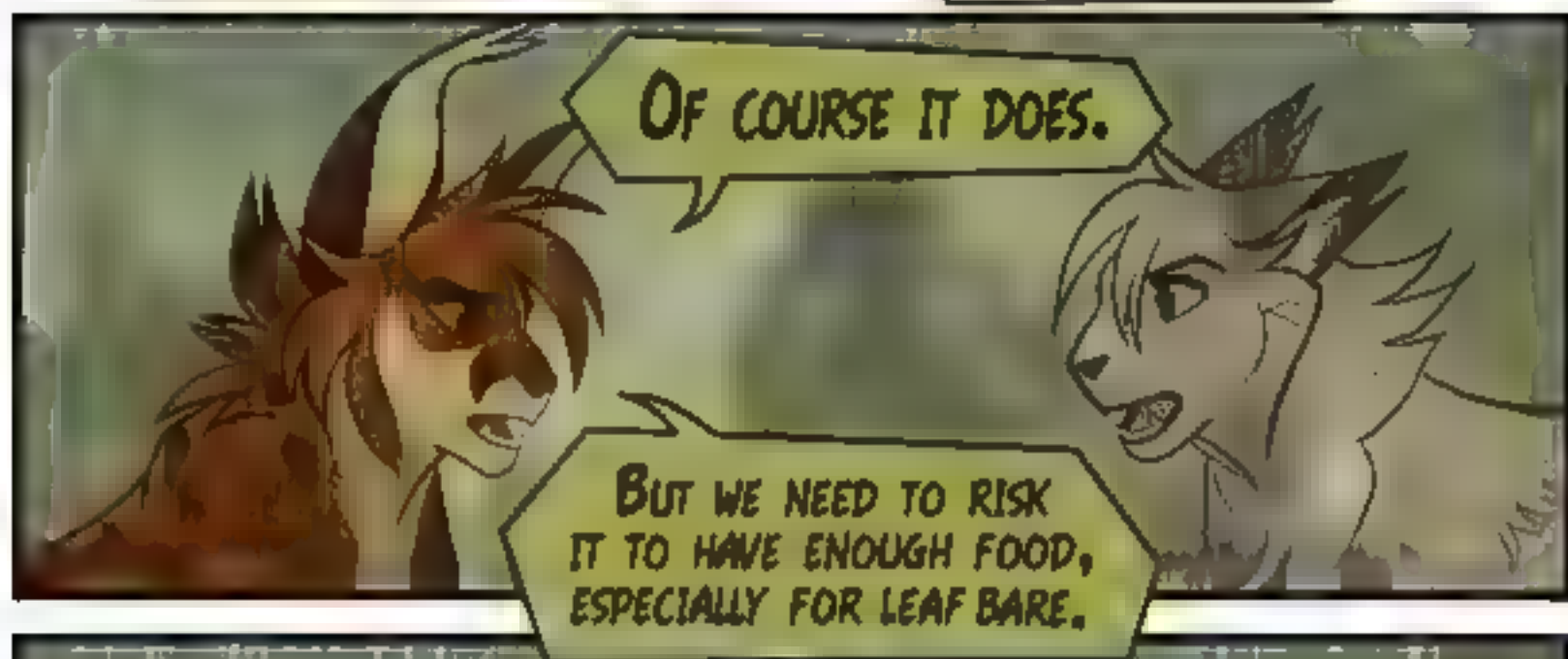
A panel split into two sections. The left section shows a gray cat looking at a small gray kitten. The right section shows a brown cat with a white patch on its face looking at a gray cat.

WHAT'S ON
YOUR MIND?

A panel showing a close-up of a gray cat's face. The cat has a surprised or questioning expression, with wide eyes and an open mouth.

ARE YOU SURE
WE HAVE TO ATTACK
RIVERCLAN AGAIN?





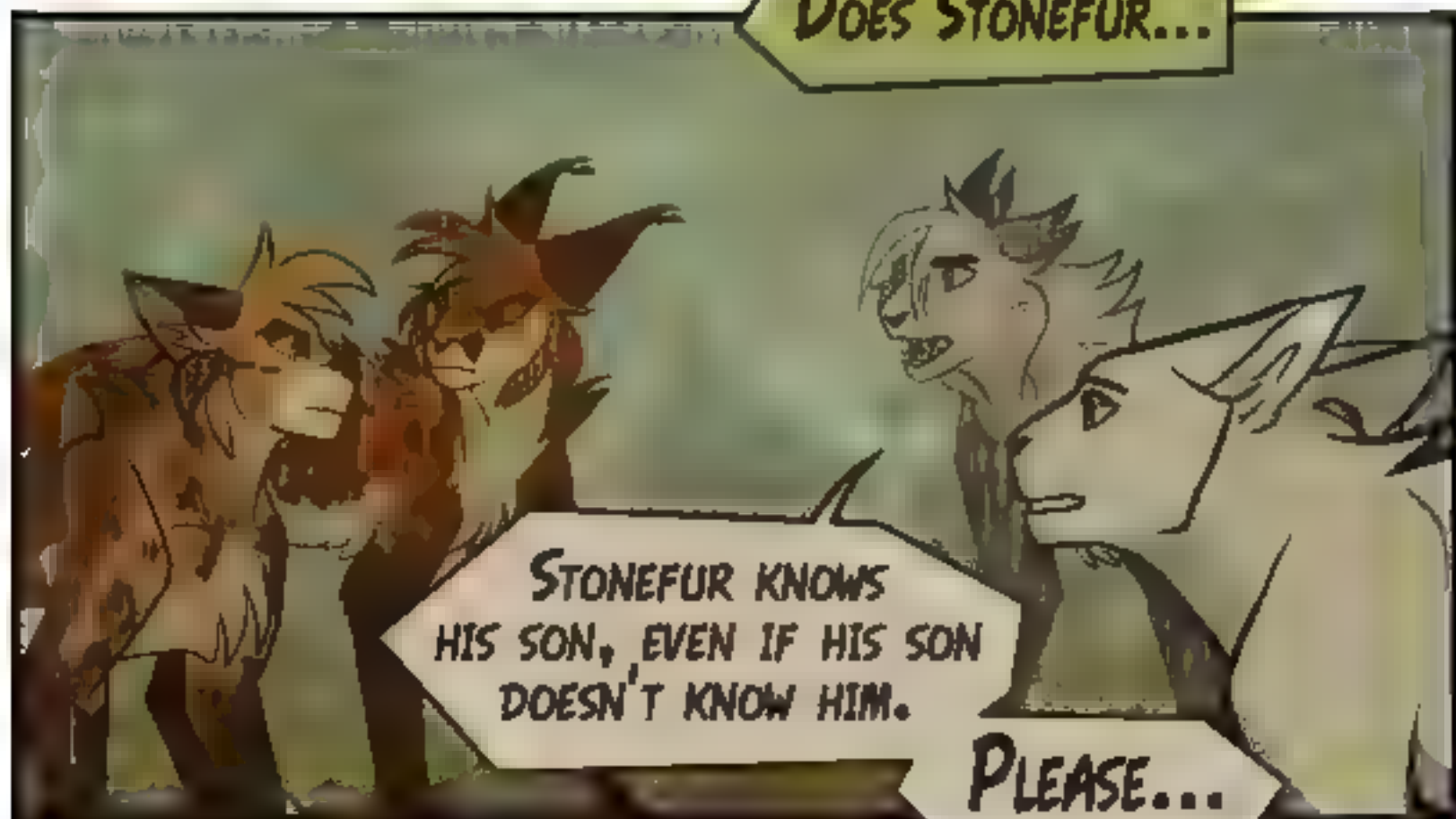


GRAYPAW'S FATHER
ISN'T A THUNDERCLAN
CAT, IS HE?

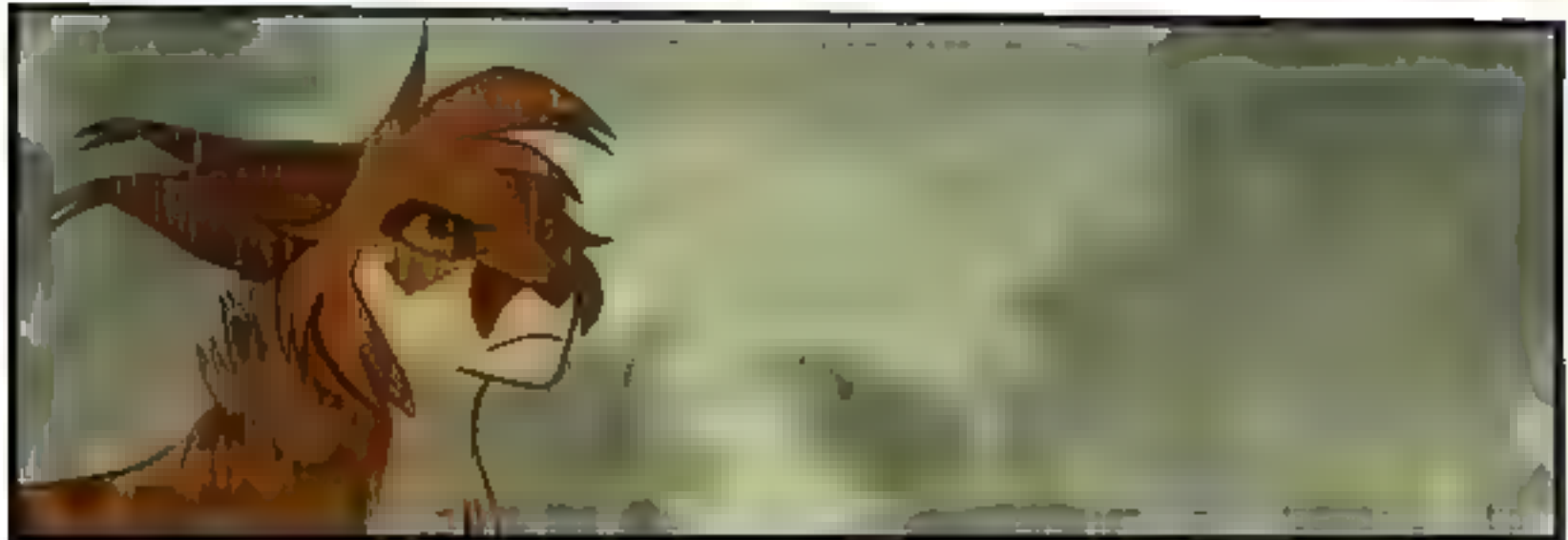


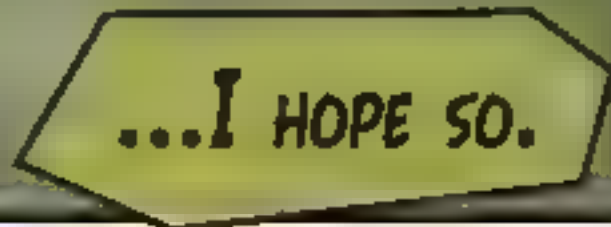
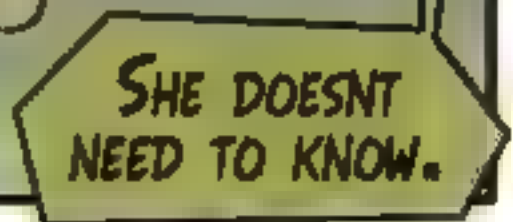
...NO.



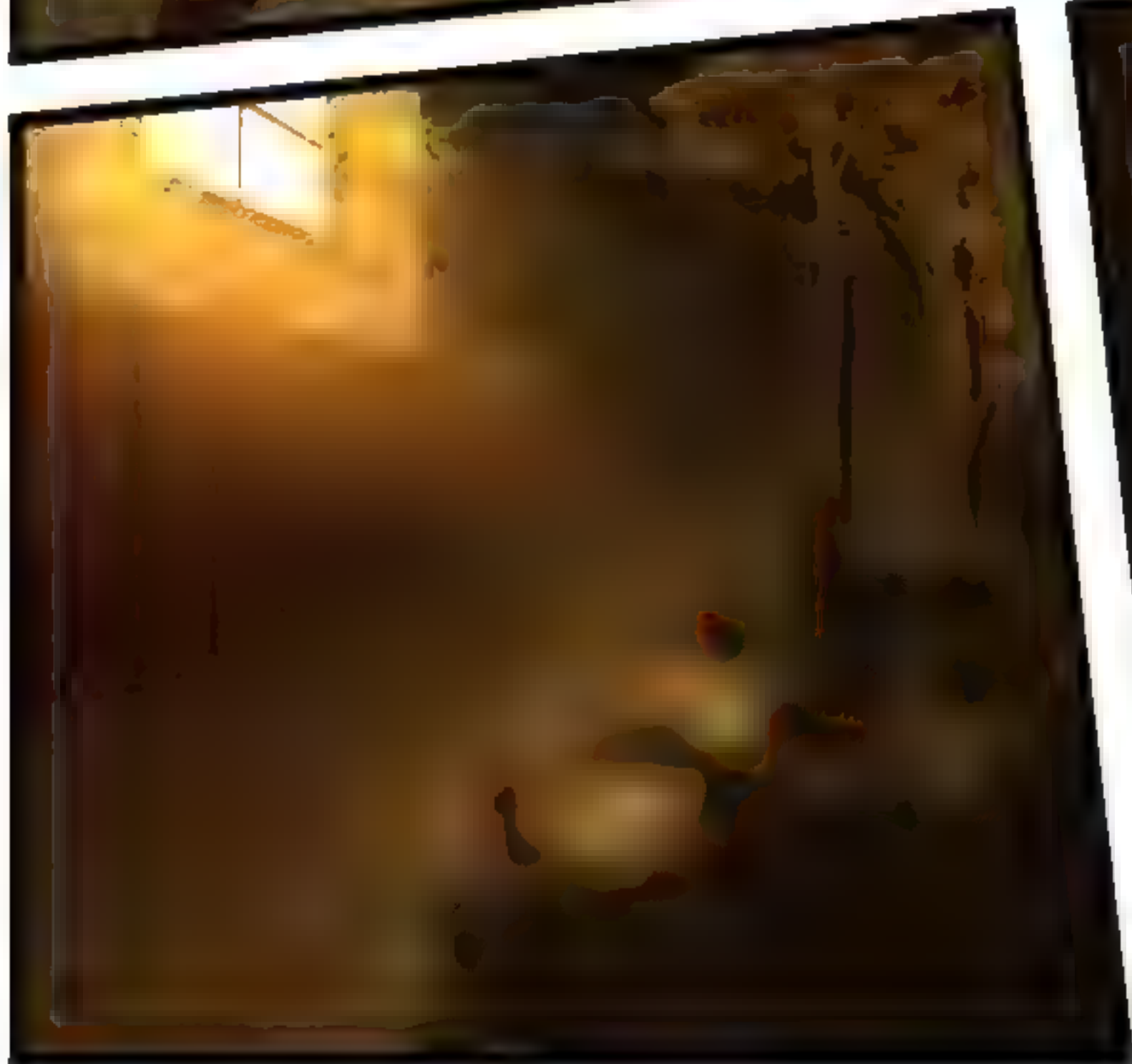
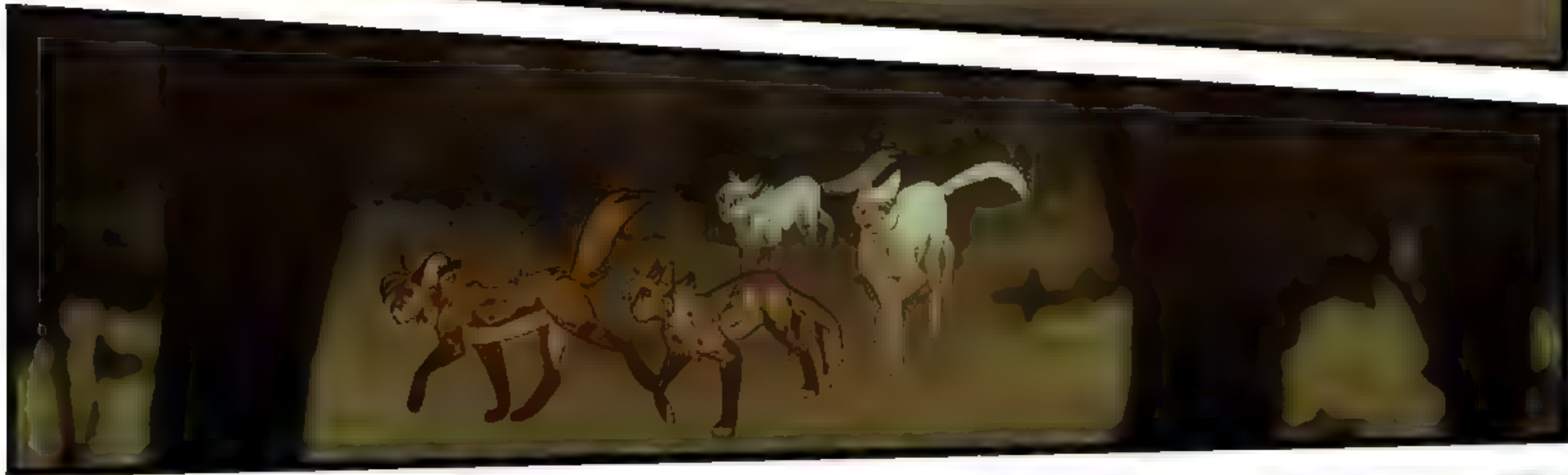


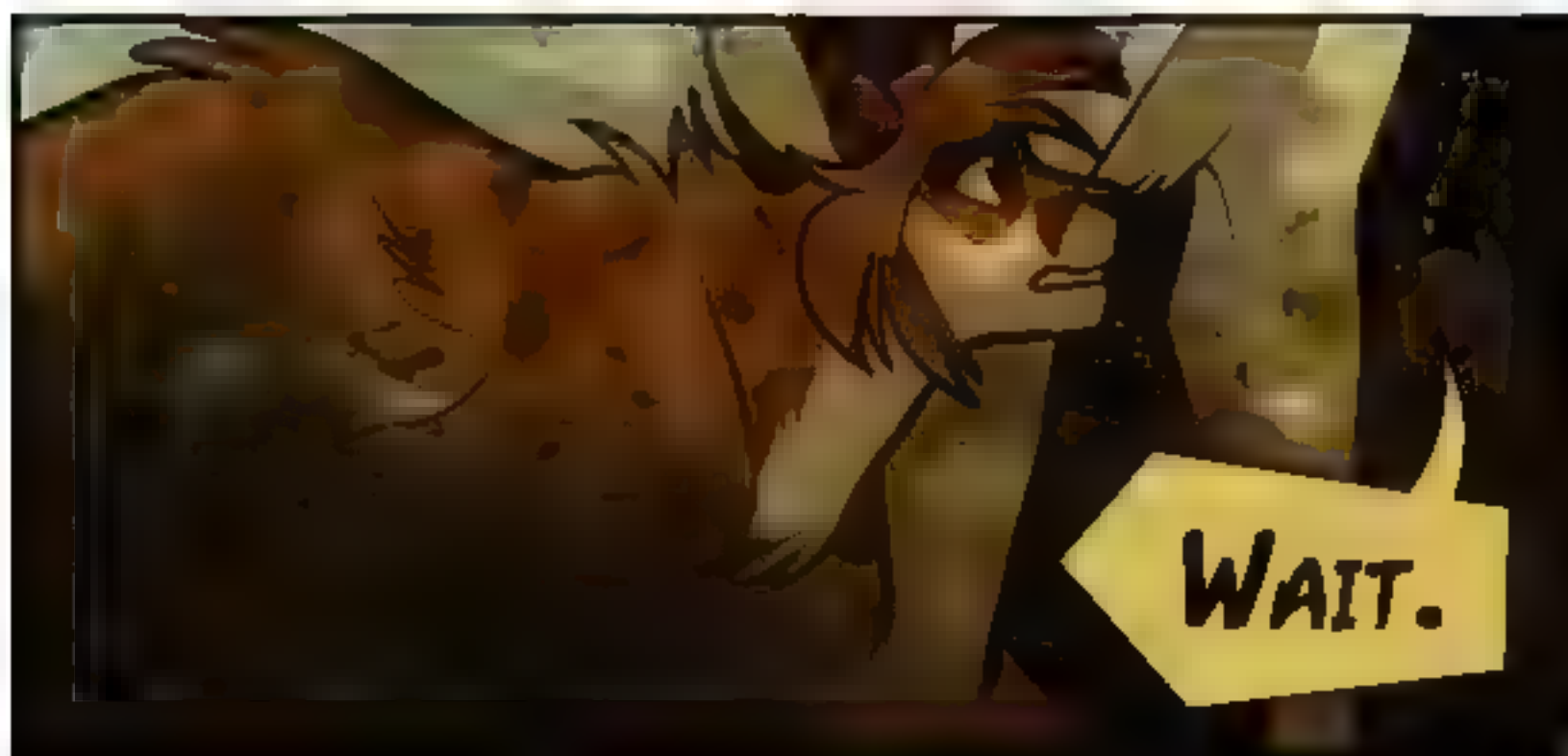
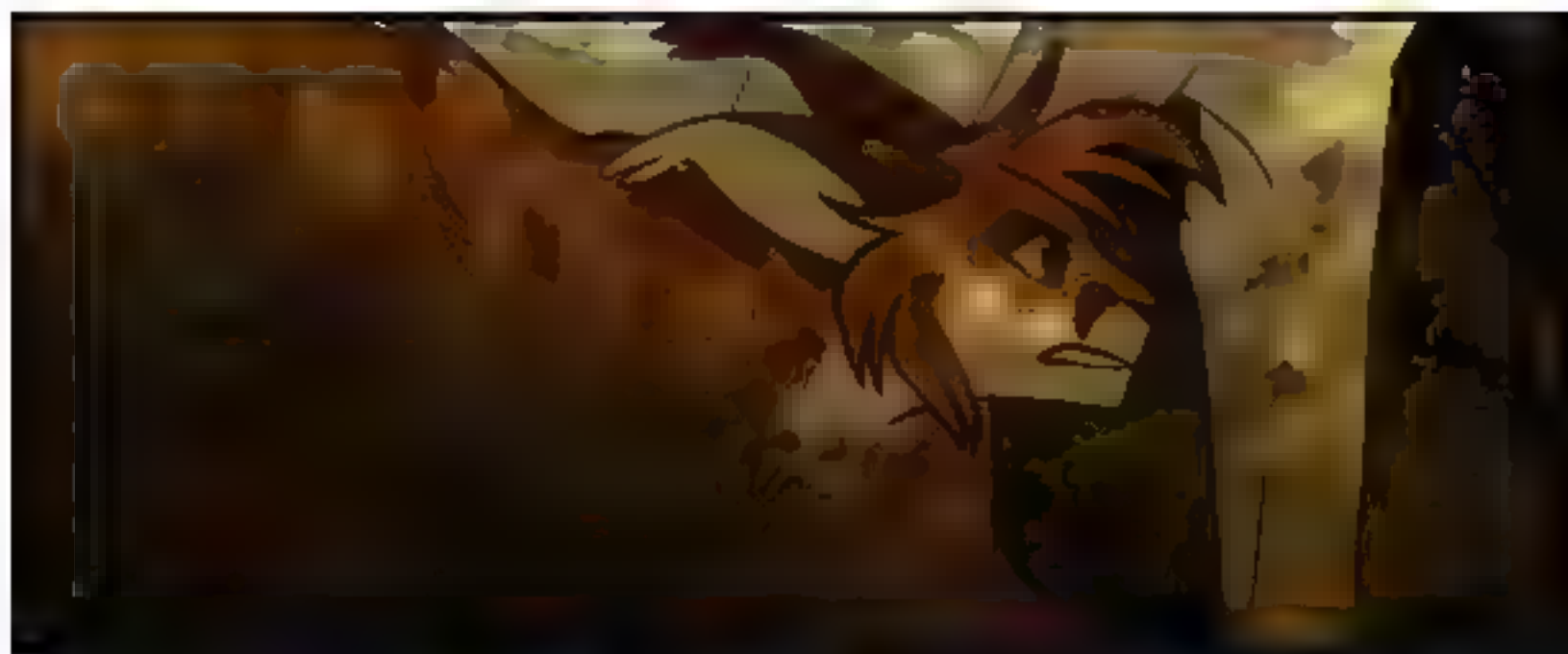
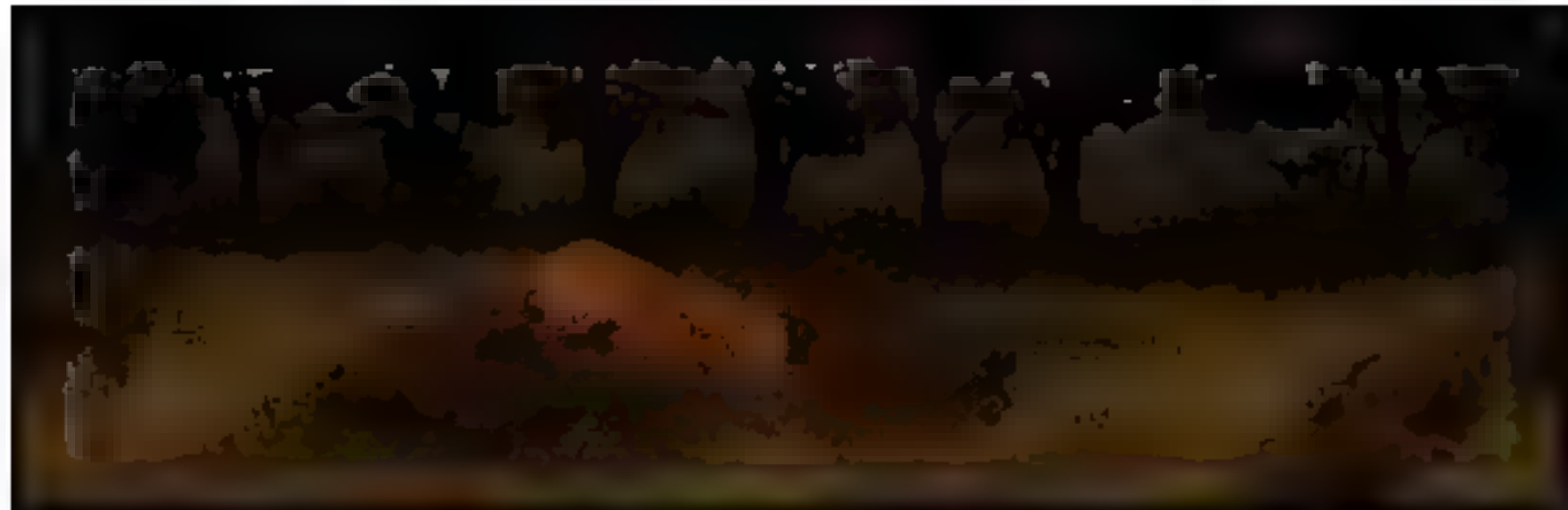
DON'T TELL
BLUESTAR.














BLUESTAR AND
LIONHEART ARE HERE.



BUT I SMELL
GRAYPAW, WHAT
IF HE--

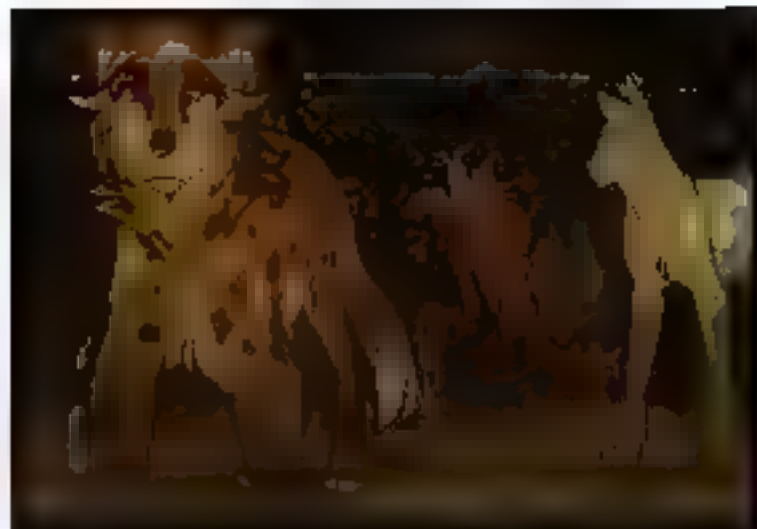
IF HE'S A THREAT,
THEY'LL HANDLE IT.

THEN HE'LL GET SOME
BATTLE PRACTICE IN.


HE'S JUST
A KIT, REDTAIL.

YOUNGER EVEN
THAN SANDPAW.

LEAVE HIM BE.




THE KITTYPET?



BLUESTAR, ARE
YOU SURE?

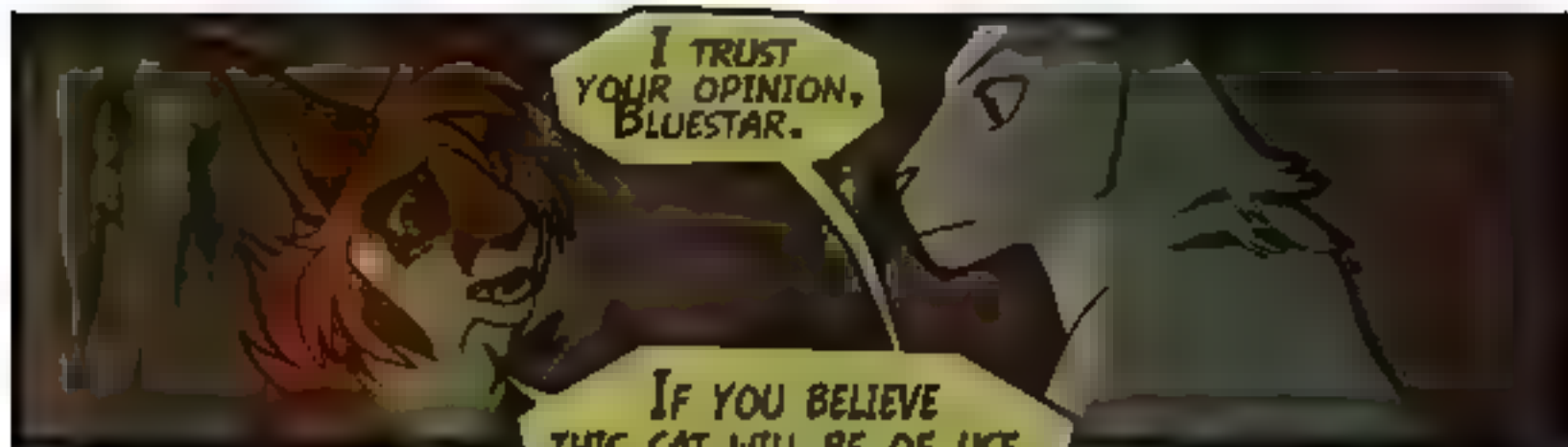
HE MAY BE JUST
ANOTHER MOUTH
TO FEED.

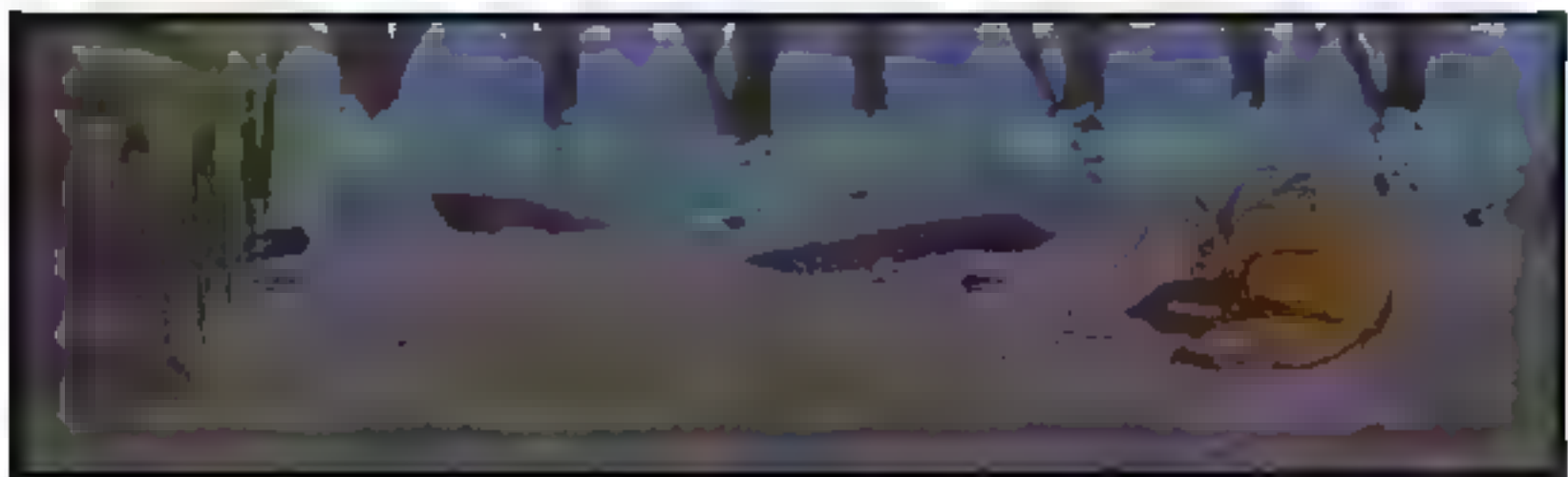



HE IS CAPABLE.

HE'LL BE HERE
TODAY AT SUNHIGH,
IF HE SO CHOOSES.

I TRUST YOU WILL
HELP JUDGE HIS
POTENTIAL.









ARE YOU NERVOUS
ABOUT THE BATTLE?

OF COURSE. BUT
IT HAS TO BE DONE.



WHITESTORM, I TRUST
YOU TO DEAL WITH THE
KITTYPET.

YES, MY
DEPUTY.



I'LL ASSESS HIM MYSELF
WHEN I GET BACK.



WE SHOULD FOCUS
ON RIVERCLAN.

WHAT ARE WE
WAITING FOR?




PATIENCE, TIGERCLAW,

WE NEED A
SOLID PLAN FIRST.




IF WE HAVE TWO SMALL
WAVES, PERHAPS WE CAN TAKE
THEM BY SURPRISE.




WON'T THAT TAKE
A LOT OF WARRIORS?

NOT AT ALL. RIVERCLAN WILL BE
ARROGANT. I'M CONFIDENT
WE ONLY NEED A FEW
WARRIORS.



BUT WE'RE BRINGING
RAVENPAW.


WHAT?!



HE CAN BARELY HUNT!



HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE
HE WILL HANDLE BATTLE?




I HOPE HE WON'T
HAVE TO GET INVOLVED.



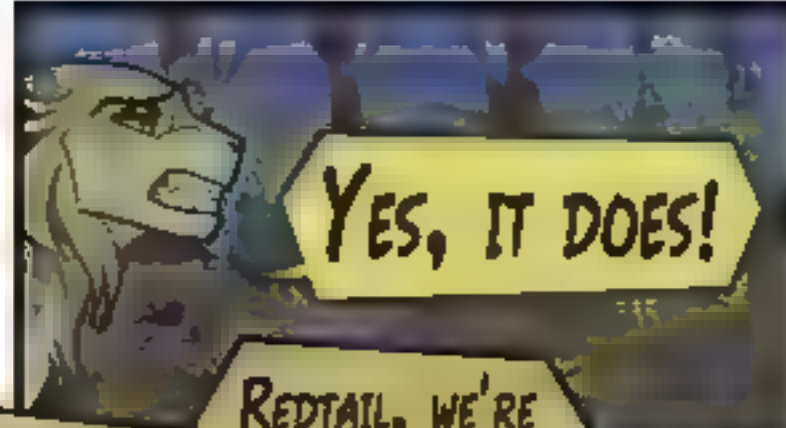
BUT--




WHAT ABOUT US?



THIS CONVERSATION
DOES NOT CONCERN YOU.



YES, IT DOES!




REDTAIL, WE'RE
WE CAN DO IT, READY FOR THIS.
WE CAN HELP!

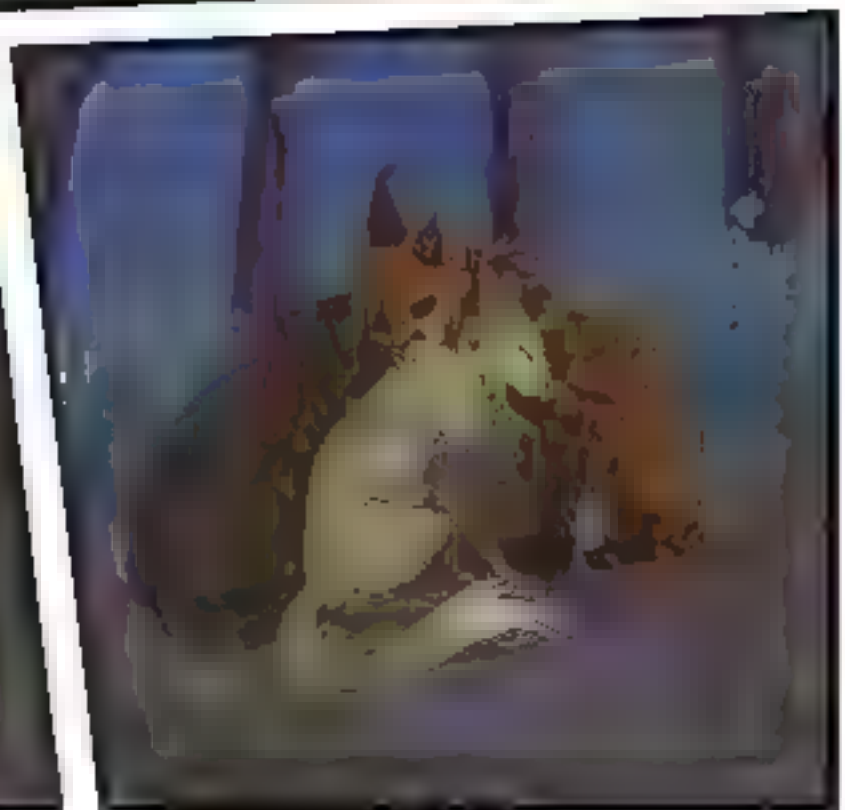
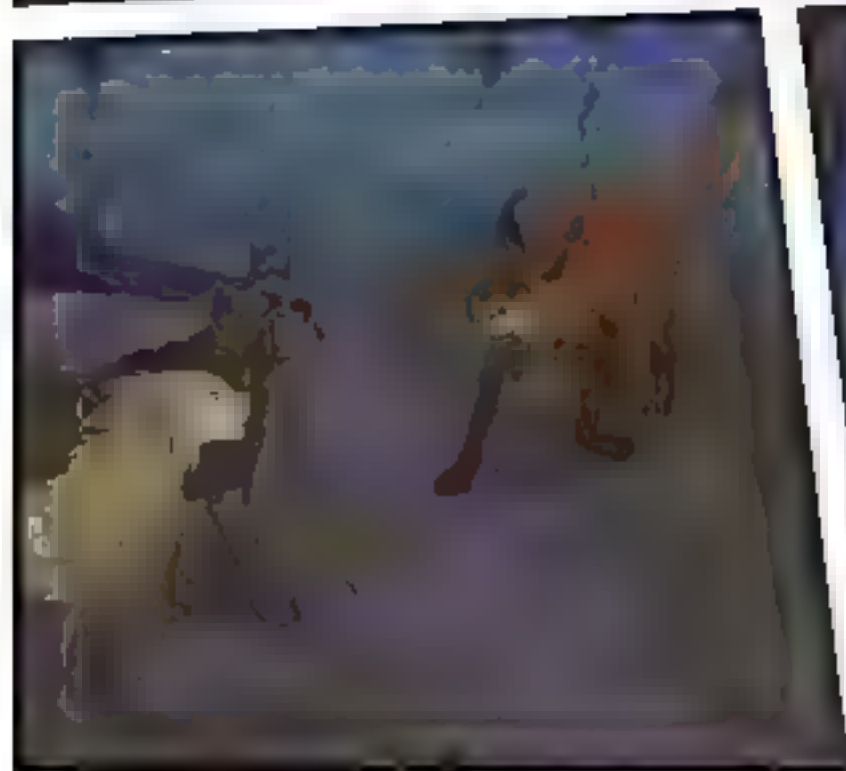
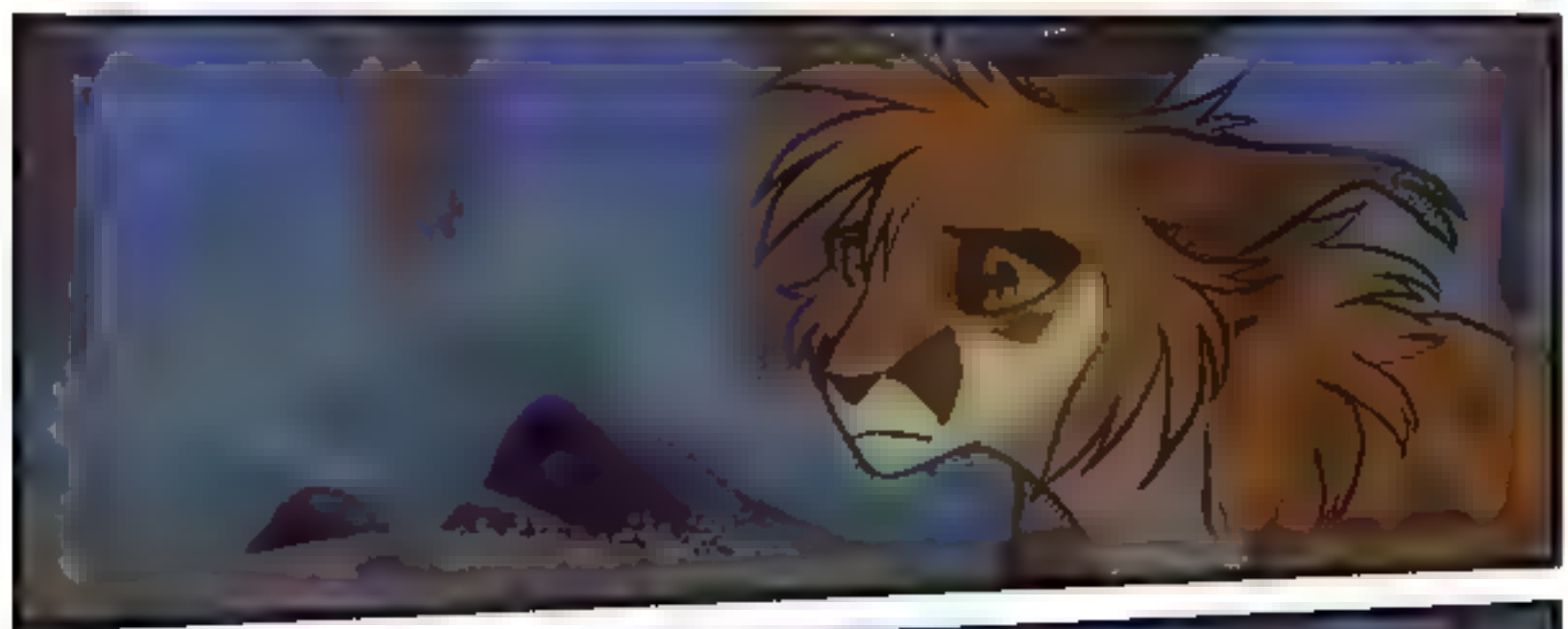
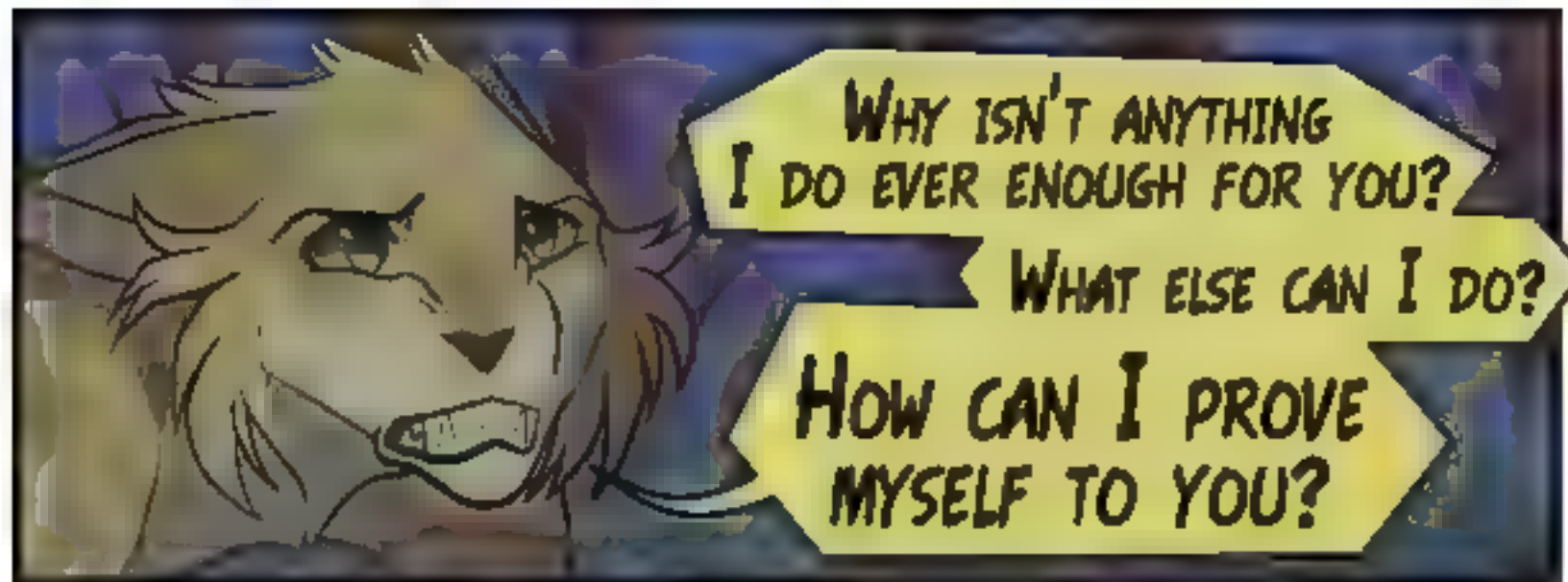
IT ISN'T
ABOUT THAT.

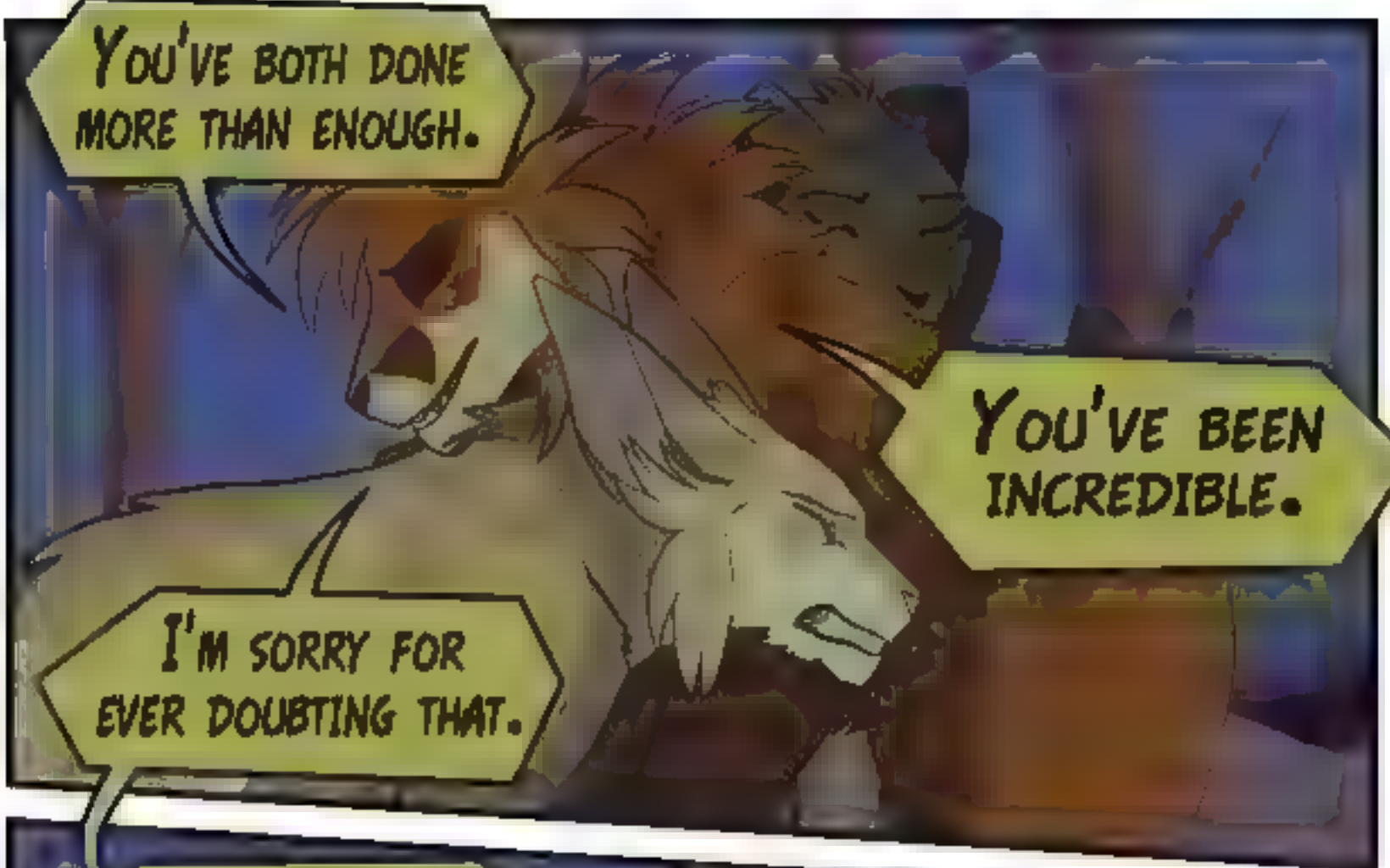
I NEED YOU
AT CAMP IN CASE--

IN CASE
WHAT?!



THE OTHER CLANS
WON'T ATTACK OUR CAMP!






YOU'VE BOTH DONE
MORE THAN ENOUGH.

YOU'VE BEEN
INCREDIBLE.


I'M SORRY FOR
EVER DOUBTING THAT.



YOU'VE MORE THAN
EARNED YOUR RIGHT TO THE
NEXT GATHERING.


I DON'T WANT TO
GO TO THE GATHERING!

I WANT TO HELP YOU!



YOU'RE THE BEST APPRENTICES
A DEPUTY COULD ASK FOR.

BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DIE.



RAVENPAW IS COMING BECAUSE
HE'S THE FASTEST. HE WILL BE OUR
MESSENGER IF WE NEED IT.

YOU'LL SEE BATTLE EVENTUALLY.
YOU NEED TO BE READY TO FIGHT,
EVEN DIE, FOR YOUR CLAN.

YOUR COURAGE AND
SPIRIT WILL BE NEEDED IN
SERVICE TO YOUR CLAN.

BUT NOT TODAY.




NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS TODAY

MAKE YOUR
CLAN PROUD.



STARCLAN KEEP
THEM SAFE.




I HAVE TO PICK
UP THE KITTYPET WITH
LIONHEART.



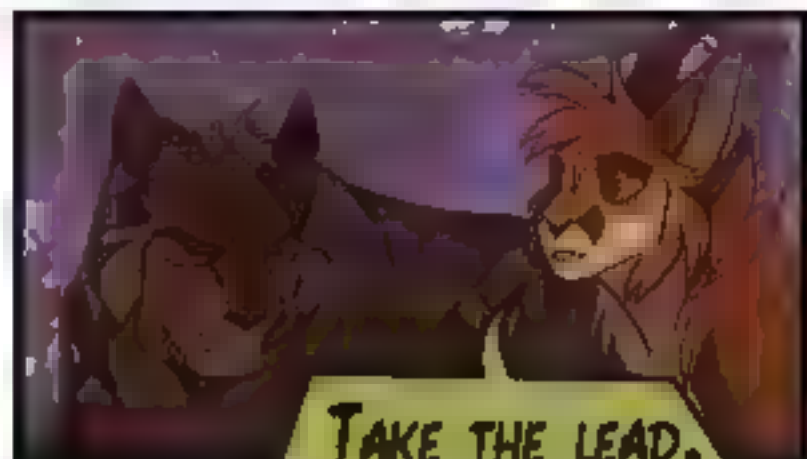
DON'T DIE
ON ME OUT THERE.

I DON'T INTEND TO.



I'LL SEE YOU
AFTER THE BATTLE.

STARCLAN LIGHT YOUR
PATH, REDTAIL.



TAKE THE LEAD,
TIGERCLAW.



I DID NOT BRING
YOU TO QUESTION YOUR
LOYALTIES.

I KNOW.

I NEED YOUR HELP.


YOU ARE THE BACK UP.

WE PROBABLY WON'T
NEED YOU, BUT IF WE DO...

I UNDERSTAND.

BE SAFE, BROTHER.

I WILL BE.




ARE YOU READY?

I THINK SO.




THEN LET'S GO.

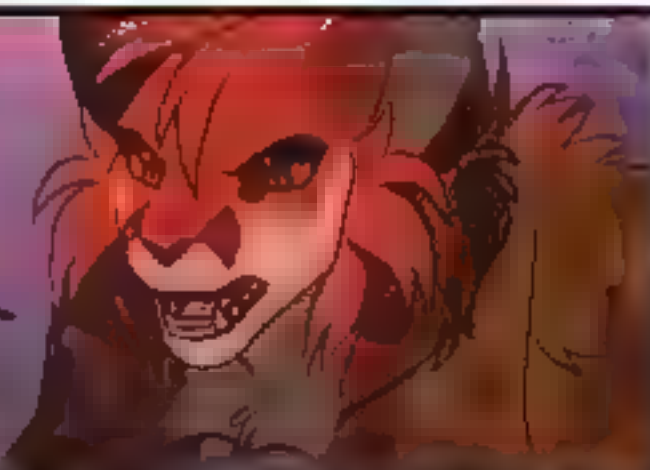




**THIS IS YOUR
LAST CHANCE.**



**THE NEXT RIVERCLAN
WARRIOR FOUND ON THUNDERCLAN
TERRITORY WILL BE KILLED.**

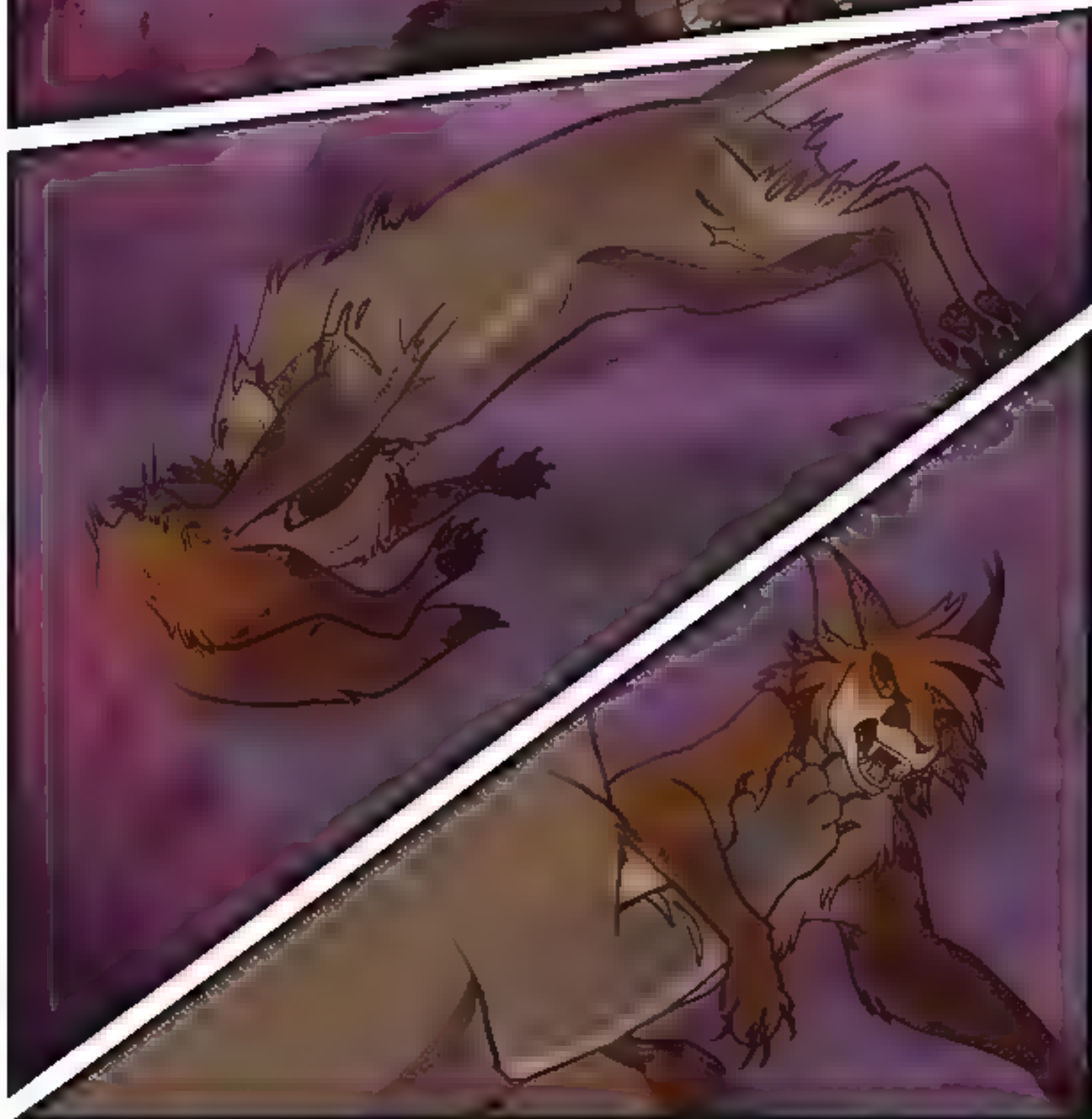


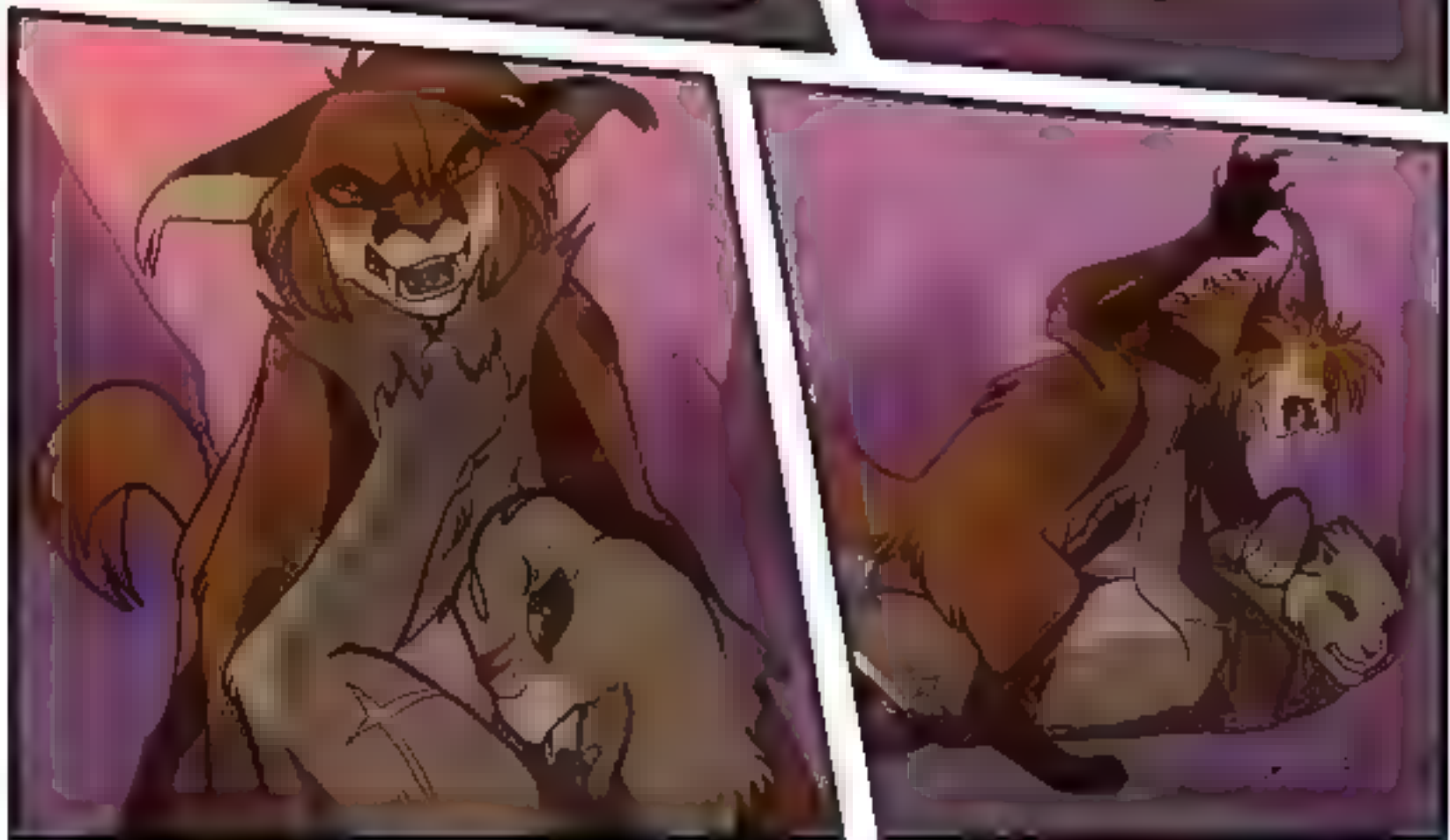
**WILL YOU SURRENDER
SUNNINGROCKS WILLINGLY?**



NEVER.







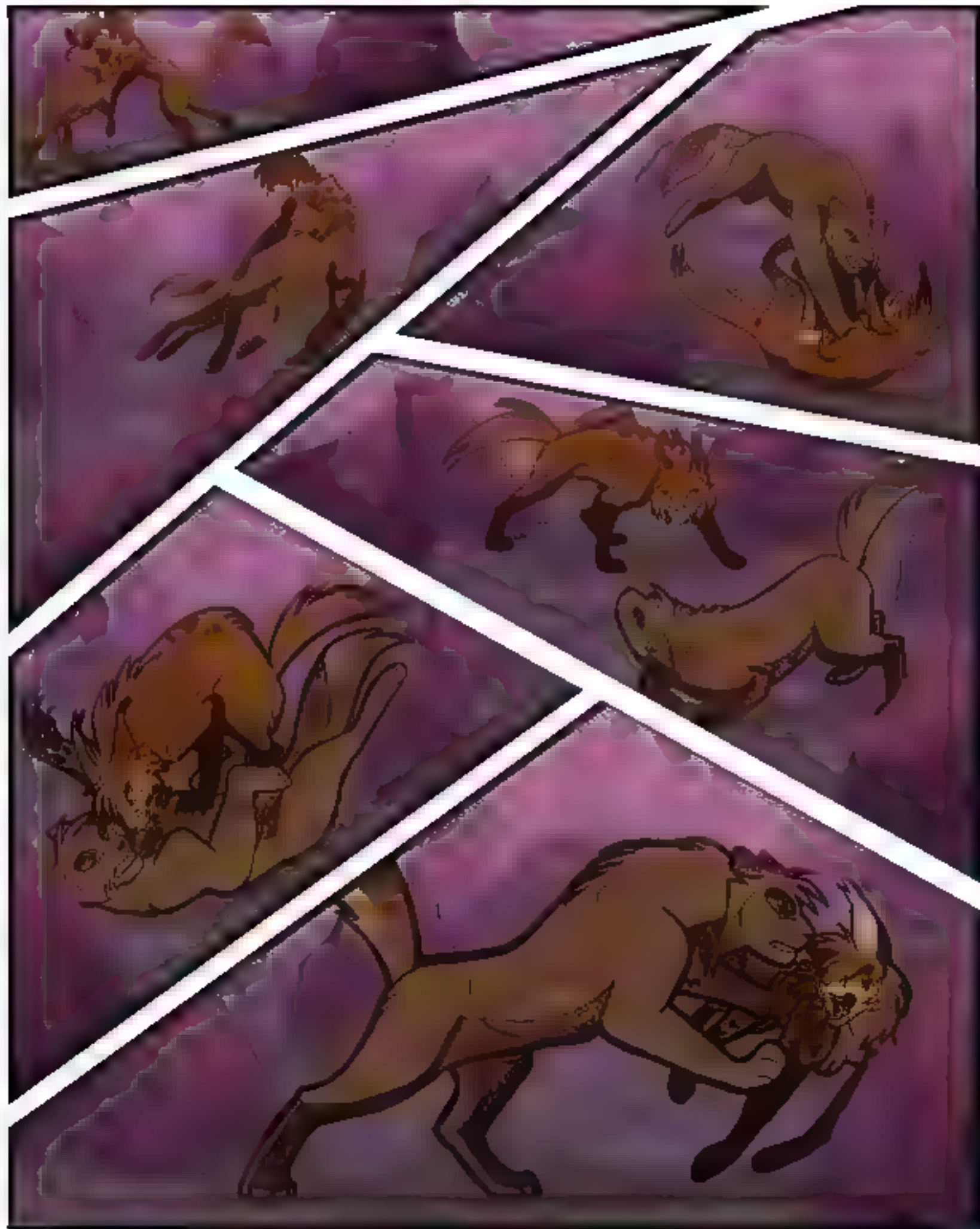


RUN, STONEFUR.



I'LL HANDLE THIS.











YOU KNOW...




YOU KNOW NO
THUNDERCLAN CAT SHOULD
ATTACK THAT WARRIOR!

HOW COULD YOU?!



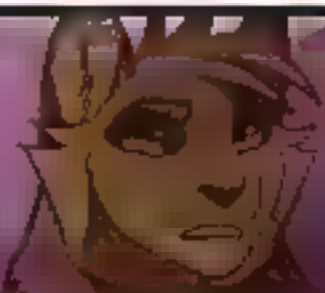
I HAVE TO PROTECT
MY CLAN, OAKHEART.

I CAN'T MAKE AN
EXCEPTION FOR YOUR
SAKE.

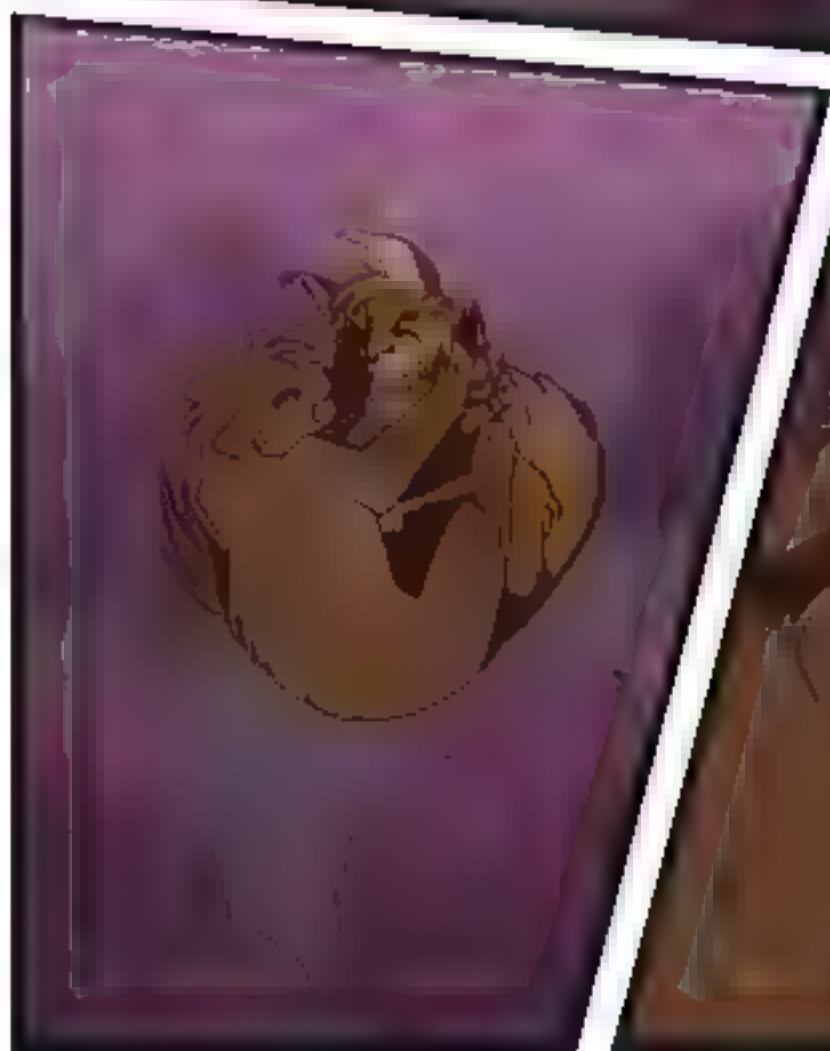


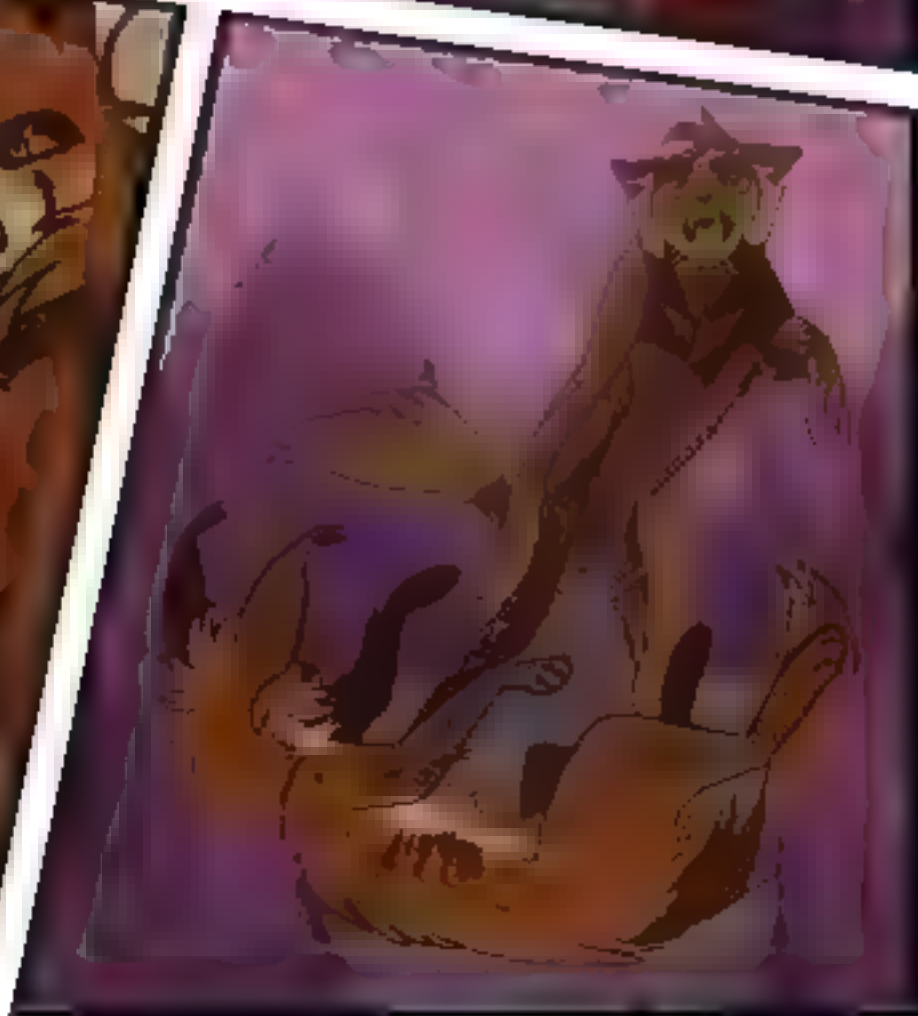
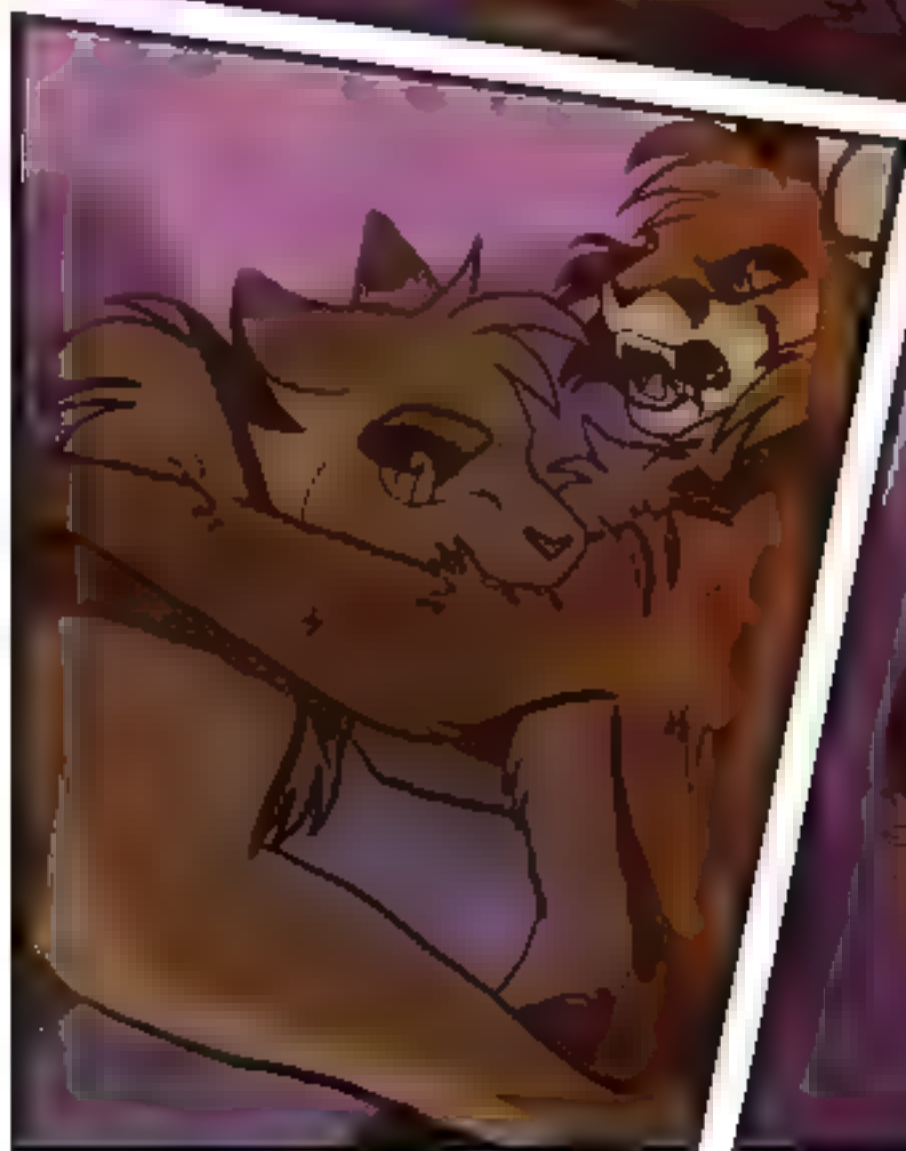
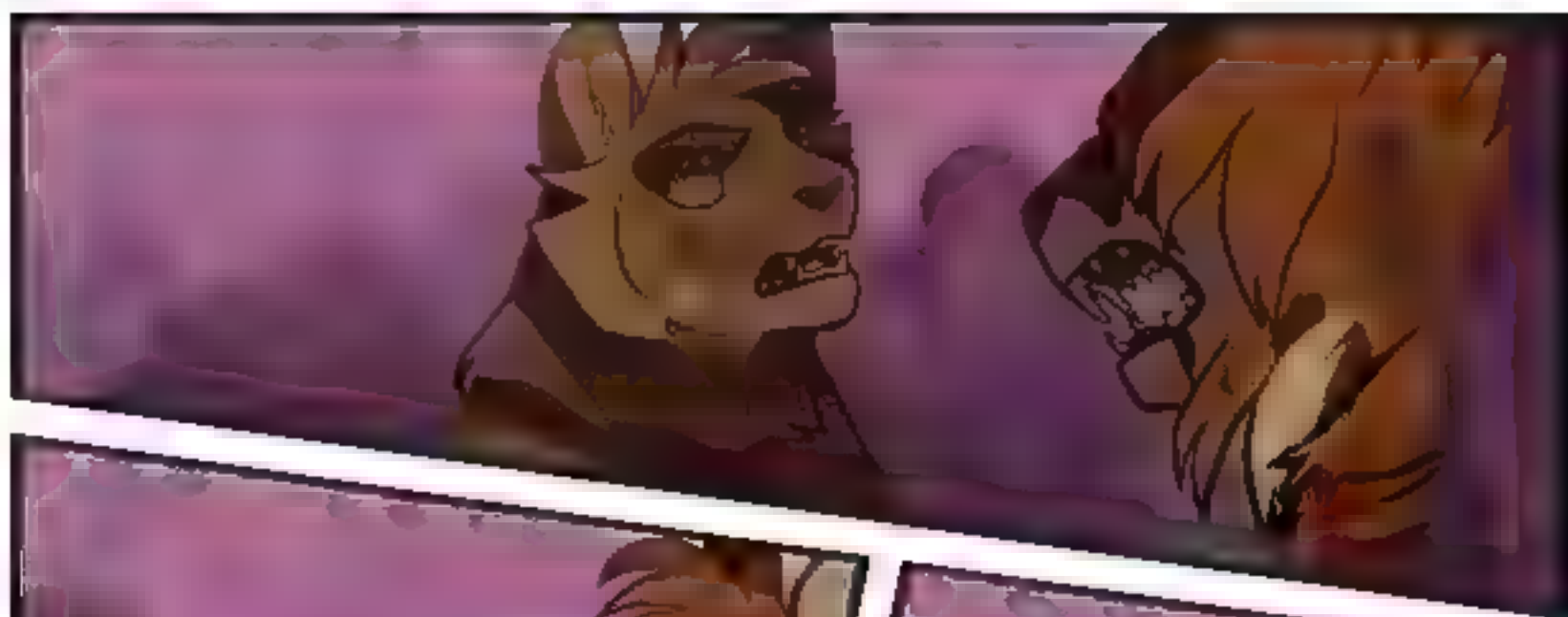


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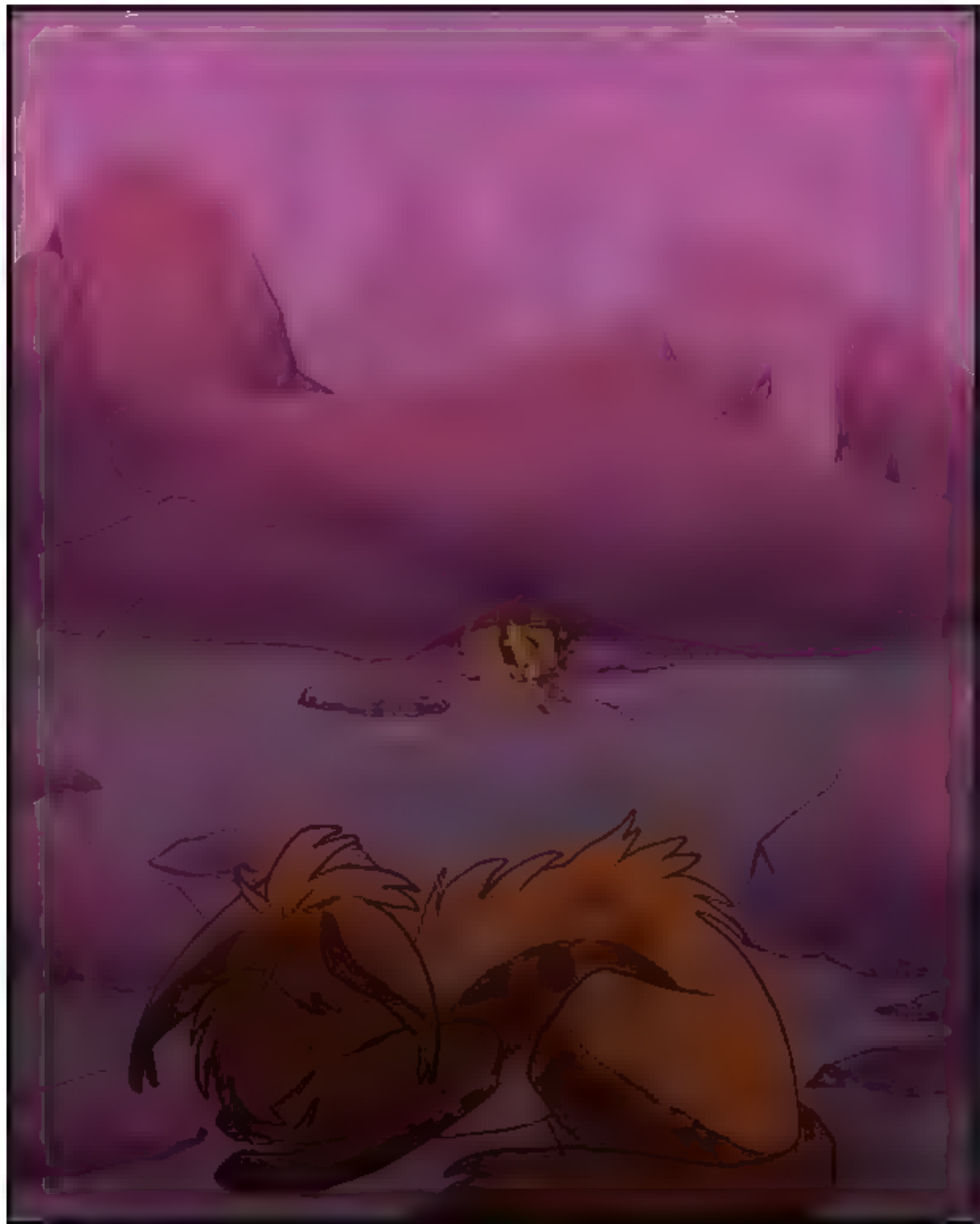


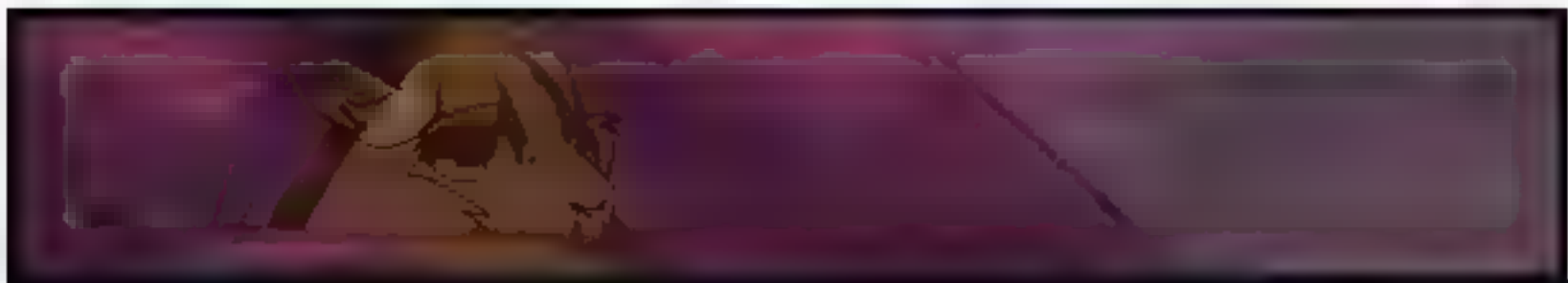
THEN NEITHER
WILL I.

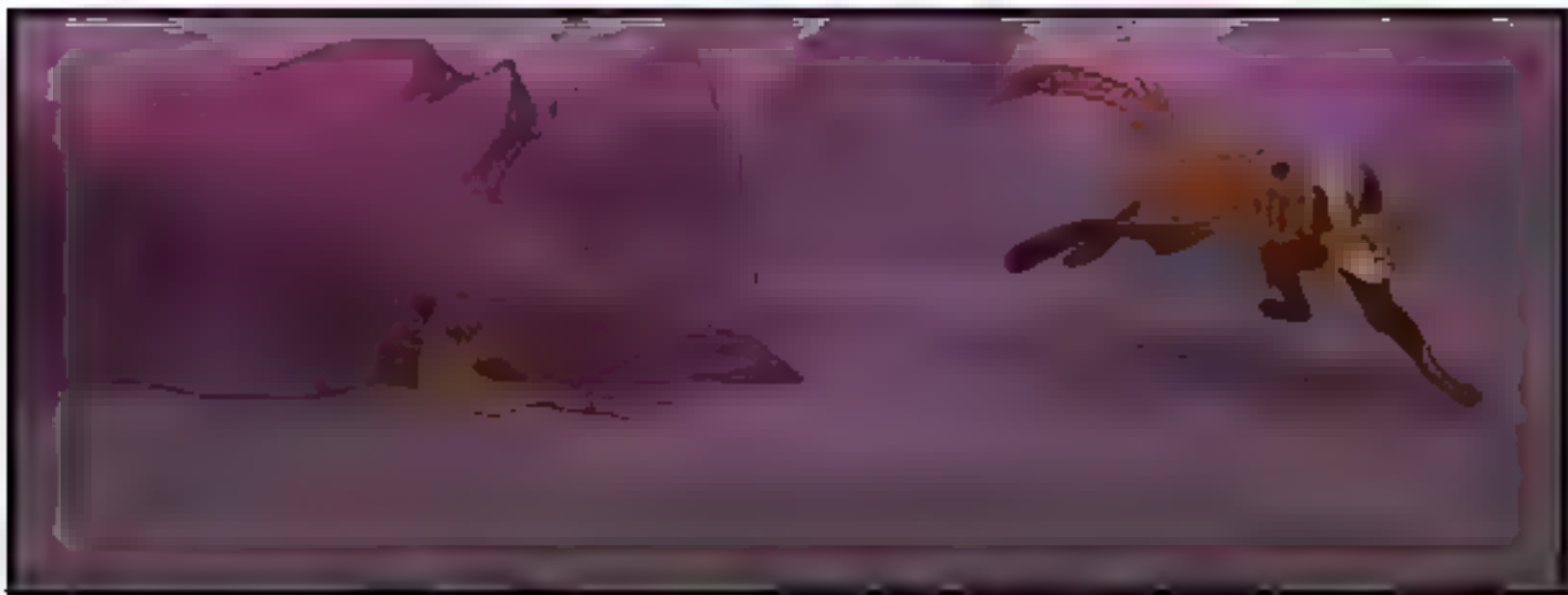






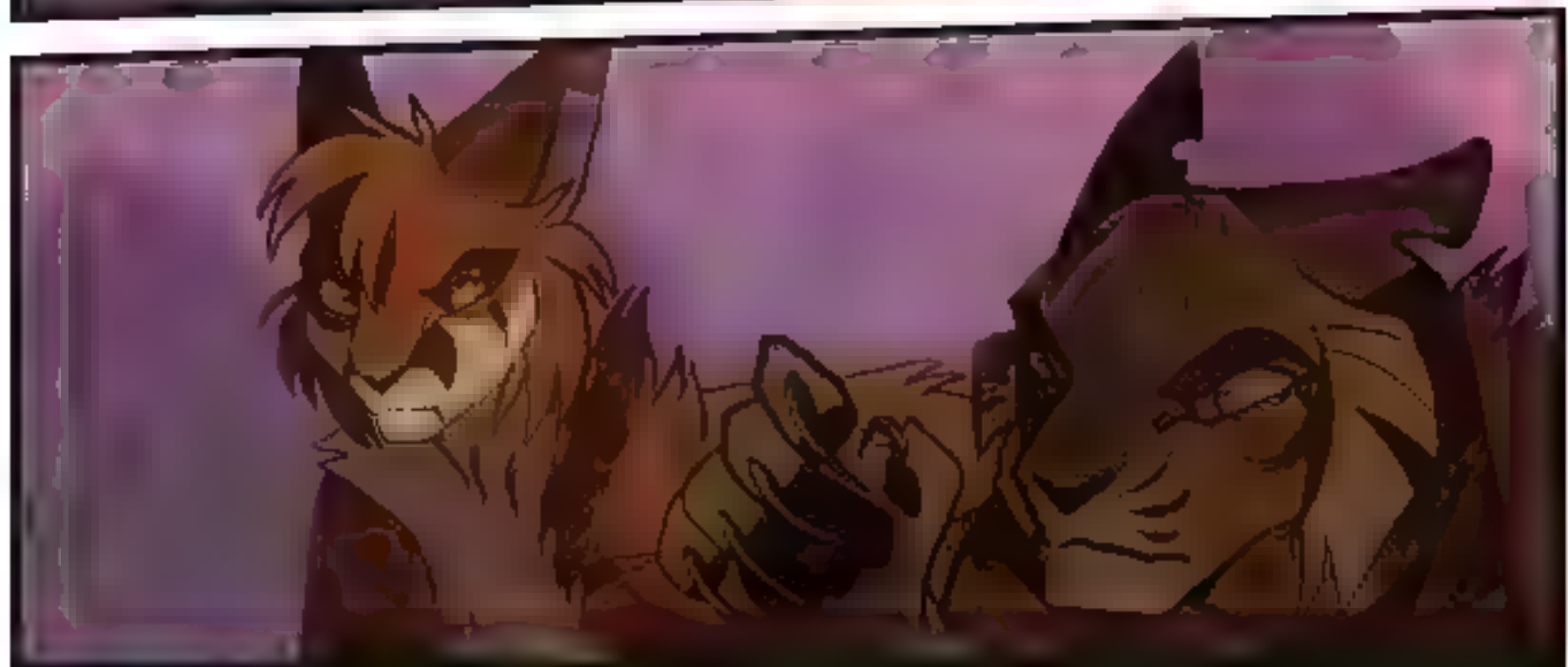


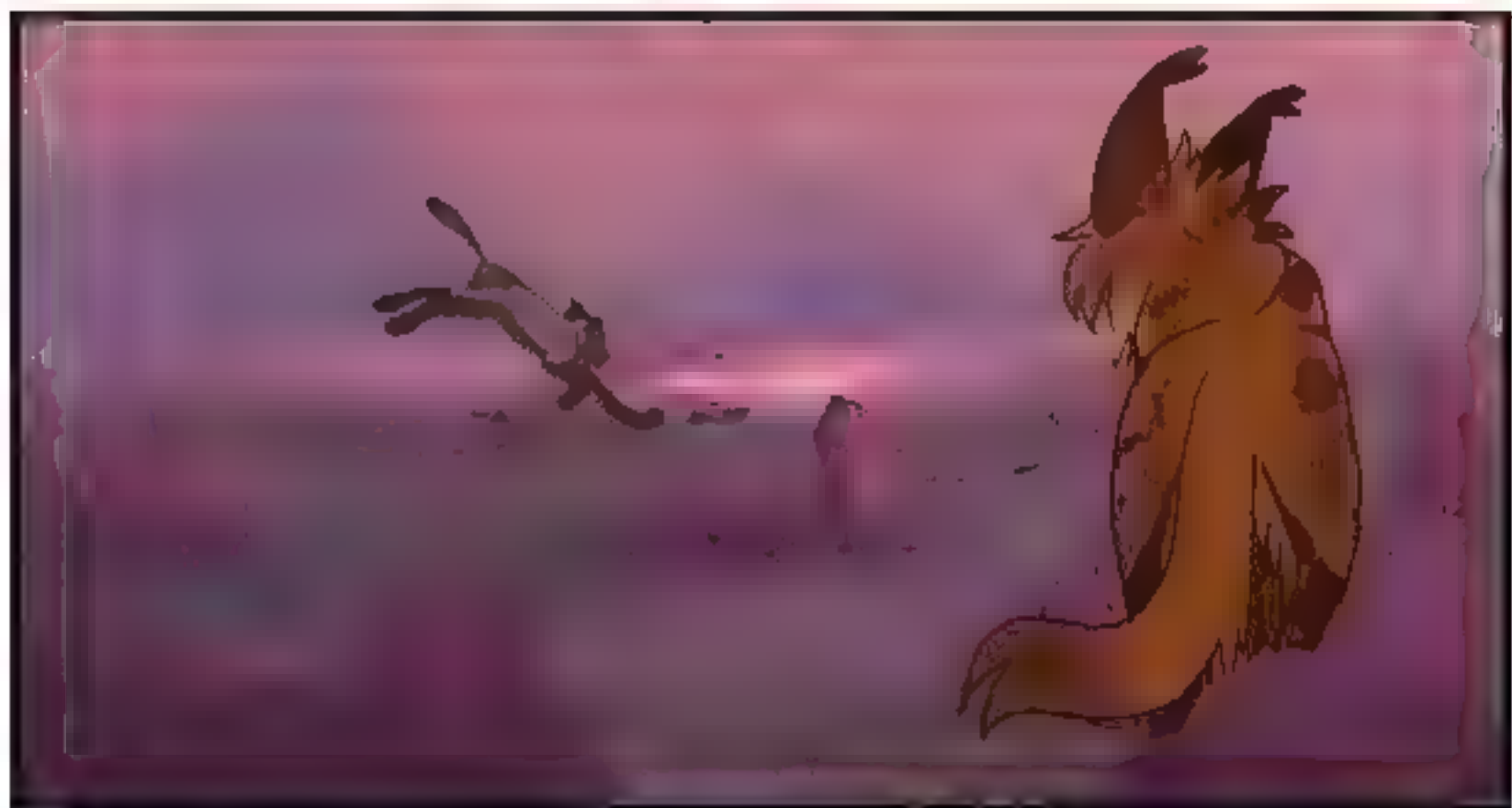
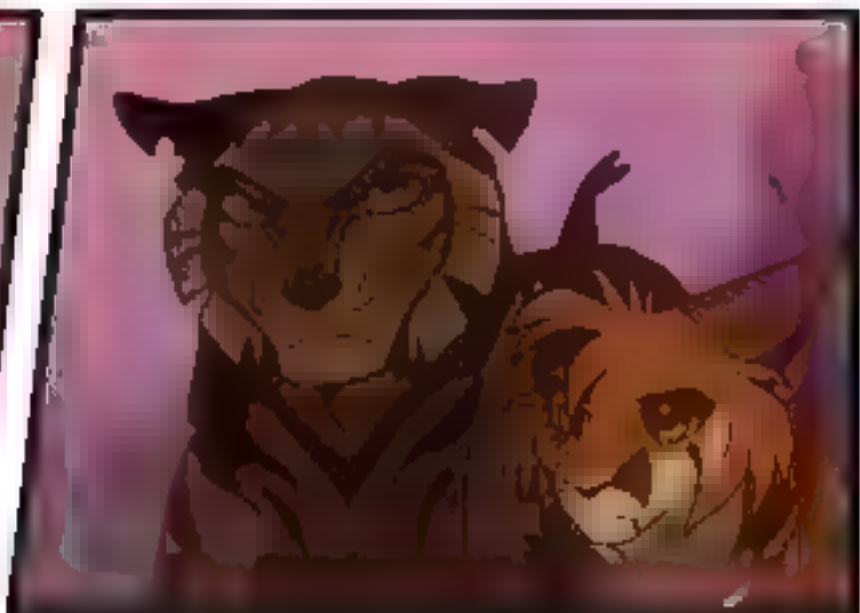












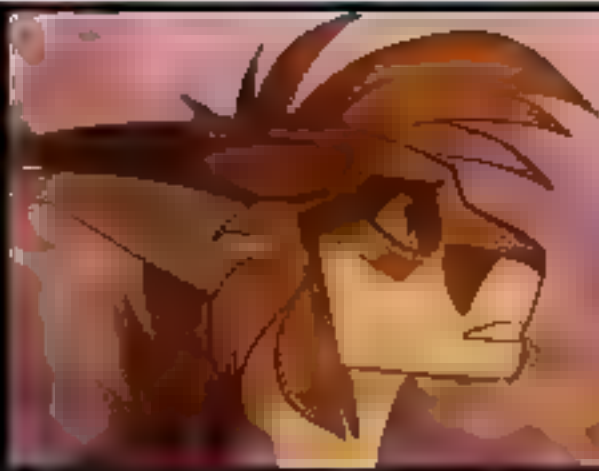








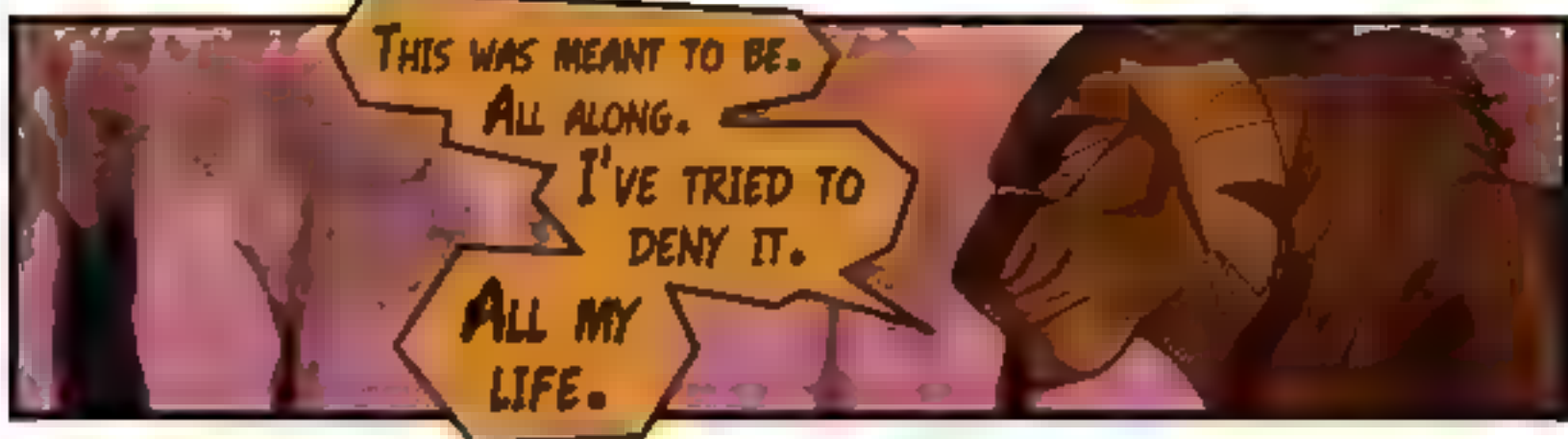
I MUST SAVE THIS CLAN.



I MUST BECOME
LEADER AND GUIDE US
ON THE RIGHT PATH.




AND FOR THAT
YOU MUST DIE.





TIGERCLAW...

I DON'T...




YOU'RE A
STRONG WARRIOR!

YOU'VE INSPIRED
SO MANY IN THE CLAN.

YOU CHOOSE WHO
YOU ARE!

NO ONE ELSE
CAN DECIDE THAT!



THIS IS MY
CHOICE, REDTAIL.

NOW FOR YOU
TO MAKE YOURS.



I'LL BRING HER
OUT TO YOU.



SHE'S A
STRONG CAT.

YOU CAN LIVE
OUT YOUR LIVES FAR
AWAY FROM HERE.

OUT OF
MY WAY.

I...



REDTAIL.

IF YOU STAY

IF YOU FIGHT

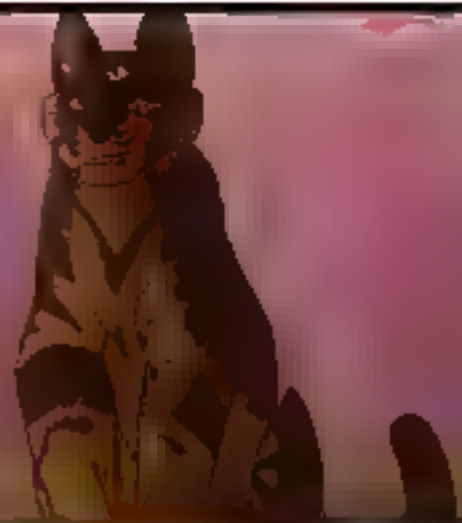
I CANNOT
GUARANTEE HER
SAFETY.

...YOU WOULDN'T.



I WON'T KILL HER.

**AS I SAID, SHE
IS A STRONG CAT, WITH
THE KIND OF COURAGE AND
SPIRIT THIS CLAN NEEDS.**



**BUT I'LL NOT
PROTECT HER, EITHER.**

**AND THERE ARE
DANGEROUS TIMES
AHEAD.**



**A LONE APPRENTICE
IS A DEAD APPRENTICE.**








...WHAT IF BLUESTAR
APPOINTS SOMEONE ELSE
DEPUTY?



TIGERCLAW.




WHAT ABOUT
BLUESTAR?

A comic panel showing two cats. On the left, a light-colored cat with dark spots is walking towards the right. On the right, a darker cat with stripes is standing and looking back at the first cat. The background is a simple gradient of pink and orange.


...YOU CAN'T!

I DON'T
WANT TO--


THEN DON'T!

A close-up comic panel of a light-colored cat with dark spots. The cat has its mouth open as if speaking or shouting, and its eyes are wide. The background is a soft pink and orange gradient.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU FEEL YOU HAVE
TO DO THIS.

A close-up comic panel of a dark-colored cat with stripes. The cat has a serious, somewhat grumpy expression, looking slightly to the side. The background is a soft pink and orange gradient.

STARCLAN
HAVE DECIDED
MY FATE.



THEY'VE
DETERMINED--



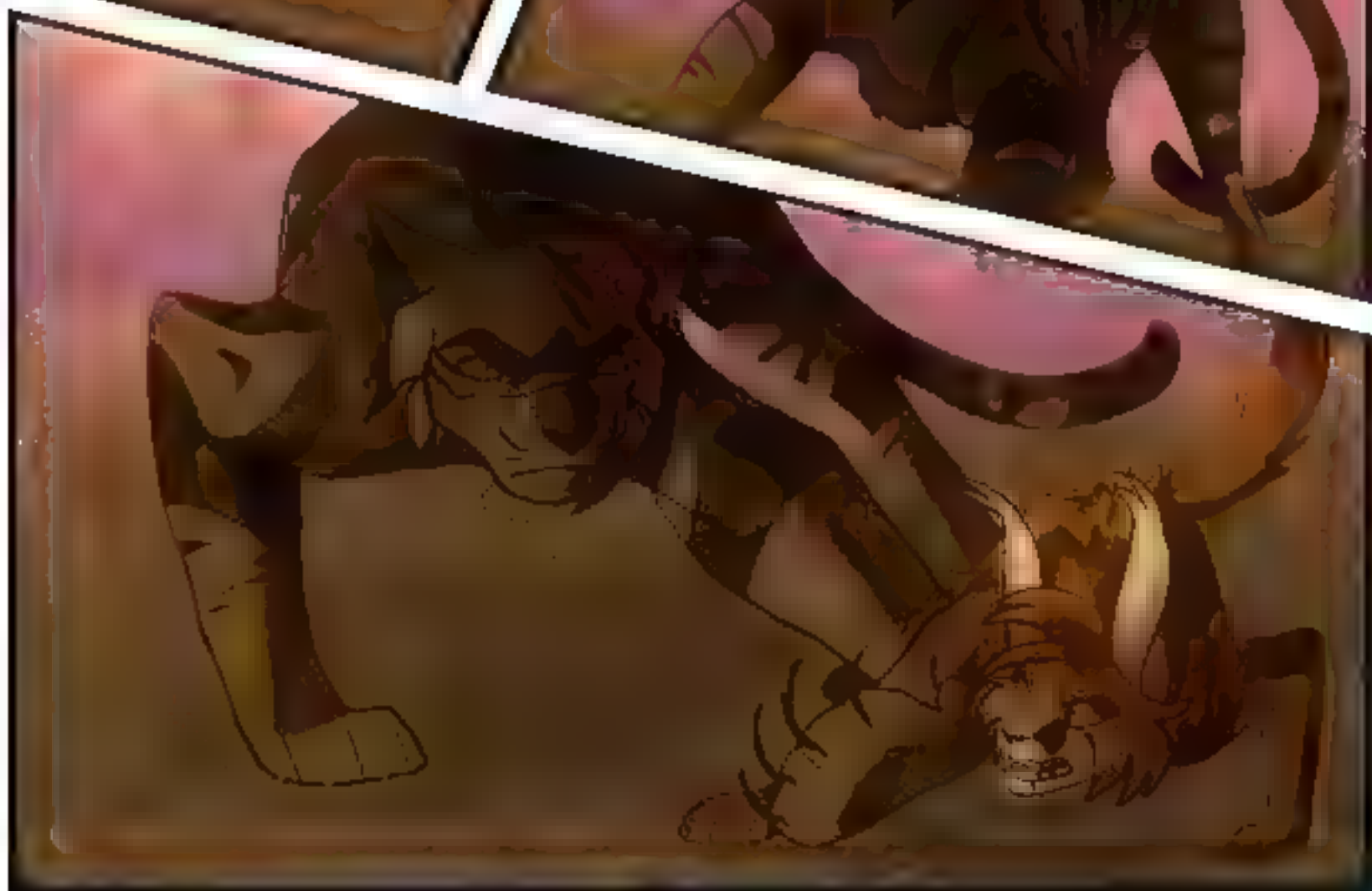
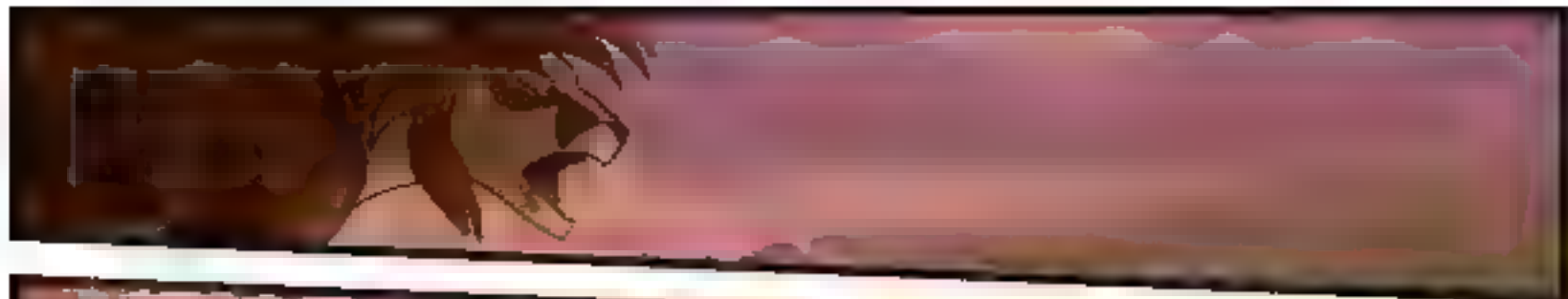
THEN STARCLAN
ARE WRONG!

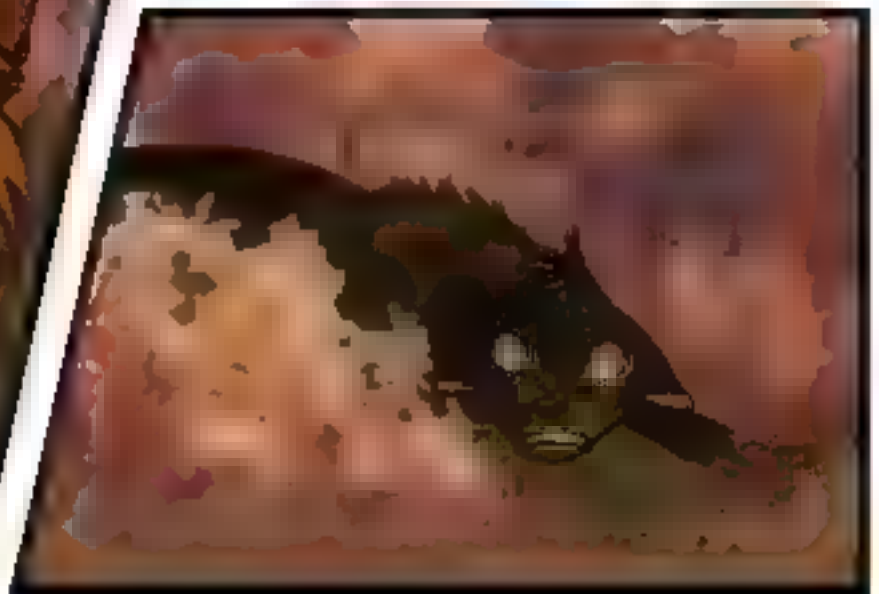
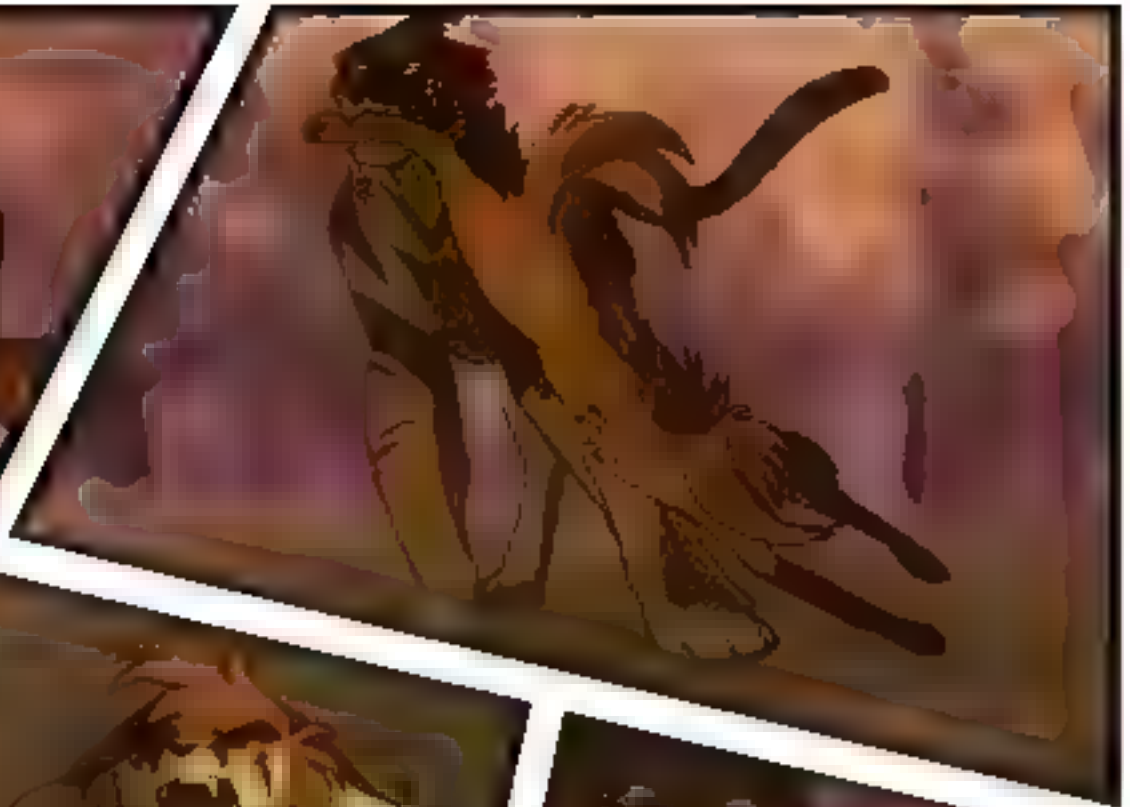


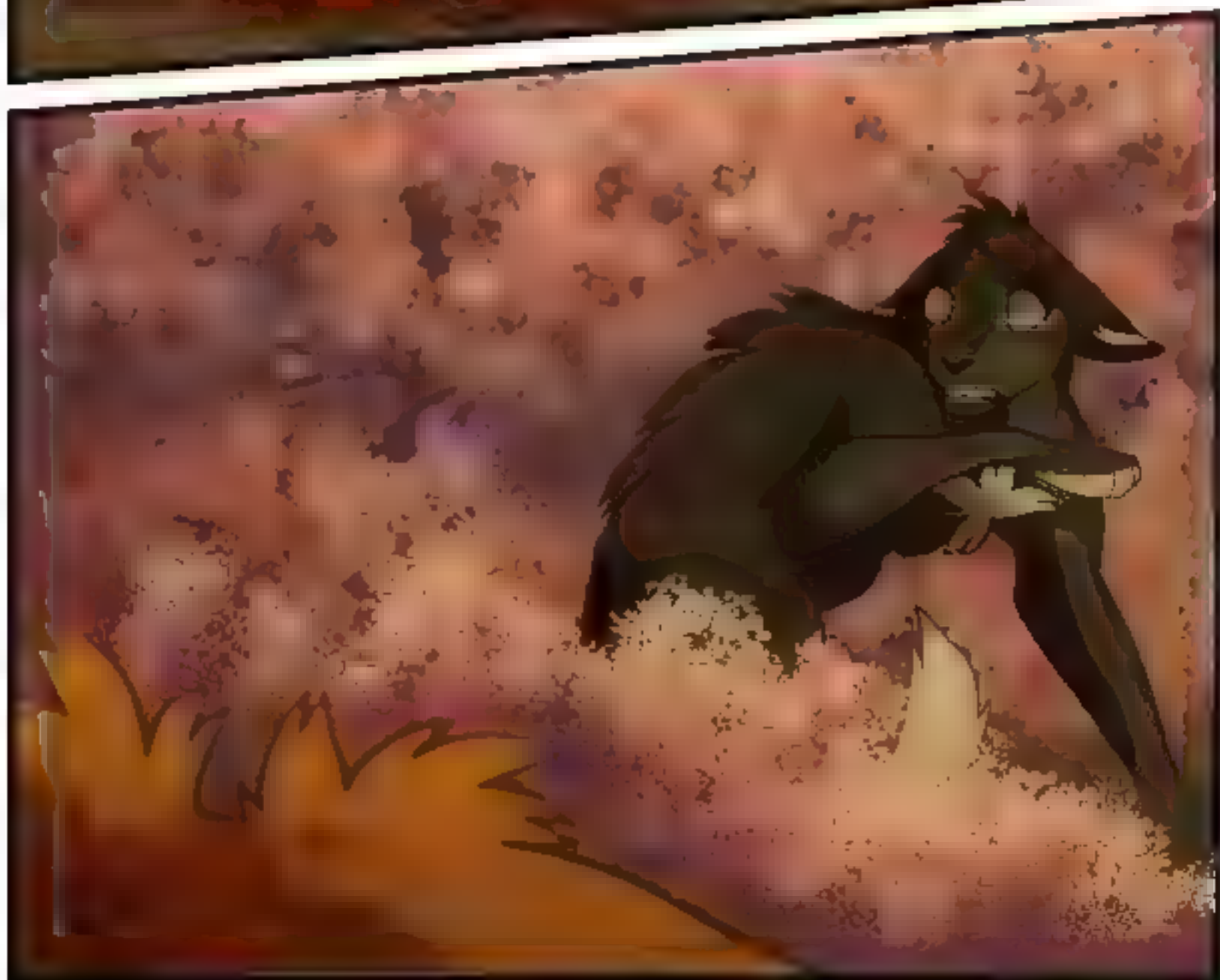


I'M NOT SAYING
THIS FOR MY SAKE.
BUT YOU'RE
BETTER THAN THIS.
















RAVENPAW, WHAT--



REDTAIL IS DEAD!

A scene in a forest with autumn foliage. Three cats are visible: a dark brown cat on the left, a white cat in the middle, and a light brown cat on the right. They are all looking towards the left.

WE MET FIVE RIVERCLAN
WARRIORS AT SUNNINGROCKS.

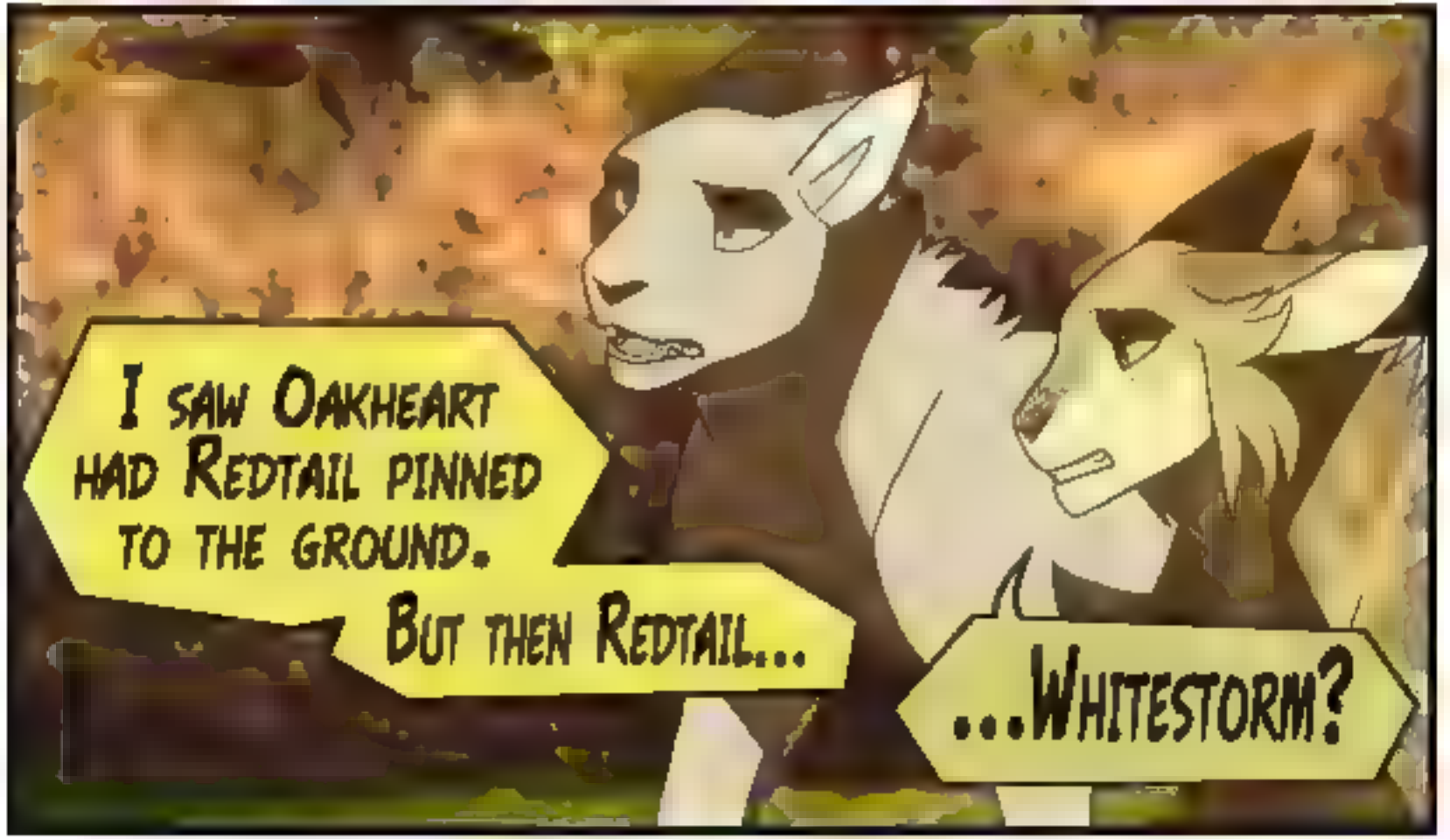
OAKHEART WAS AMONG THEM.

A close-up of two cats. On the left is a white cat with dark brown patches on its face and ears. On the right is a light brown cat. They are both looking towards the left.

OAK... OAKHEART WOULD
NOT BACK DOWN.

...HE'S JOKING, RIGHT?

THE FIGHTING WAS
VICIOUS.

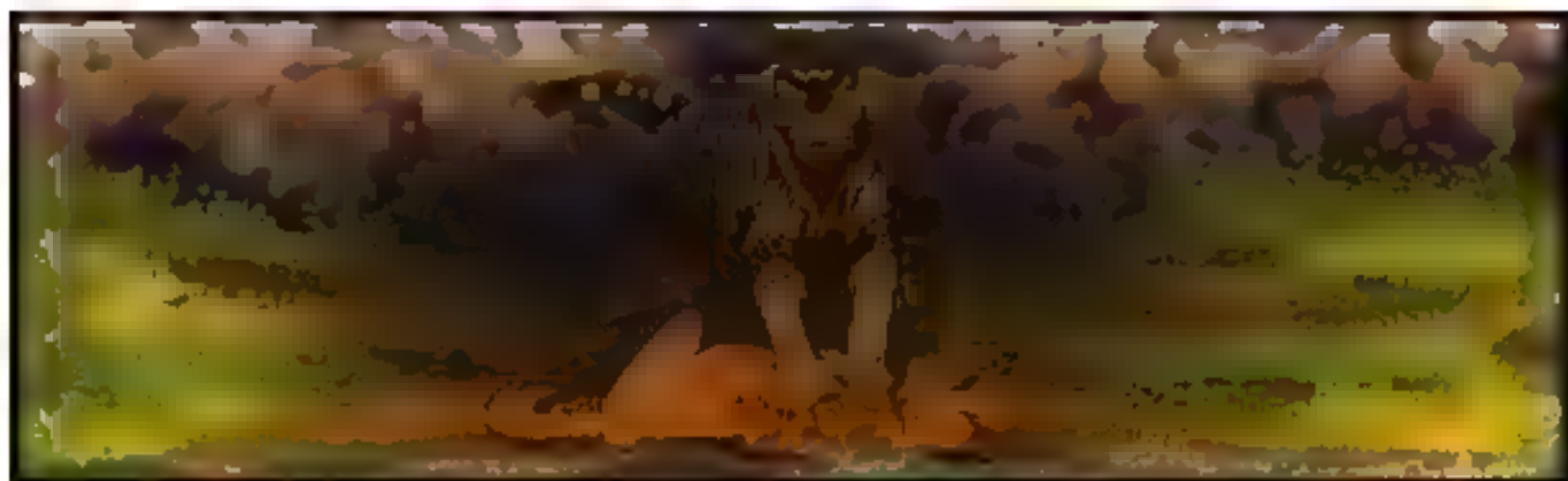
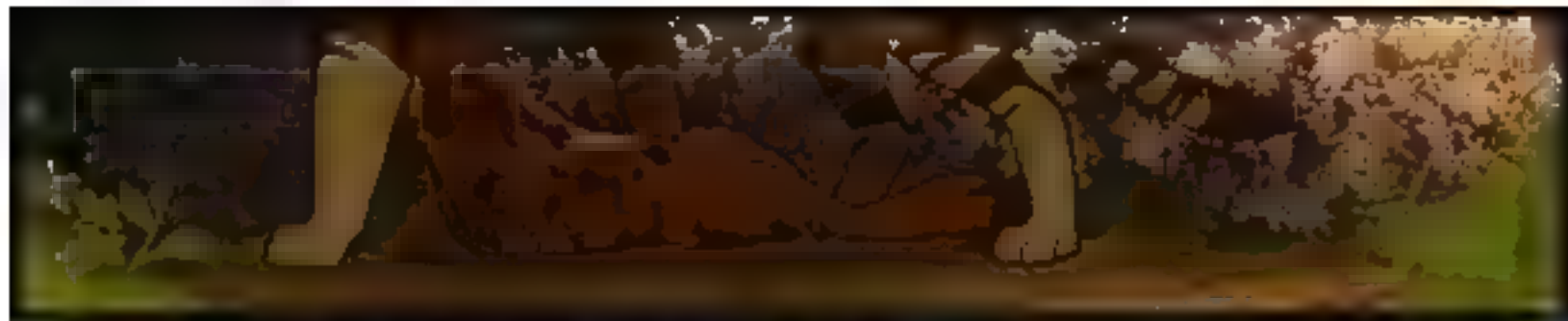
A close-up of the two cats from the previous panel. The white cat with dark patches is on the left, and the light brown cat is on the right. They are both looking towards the left.

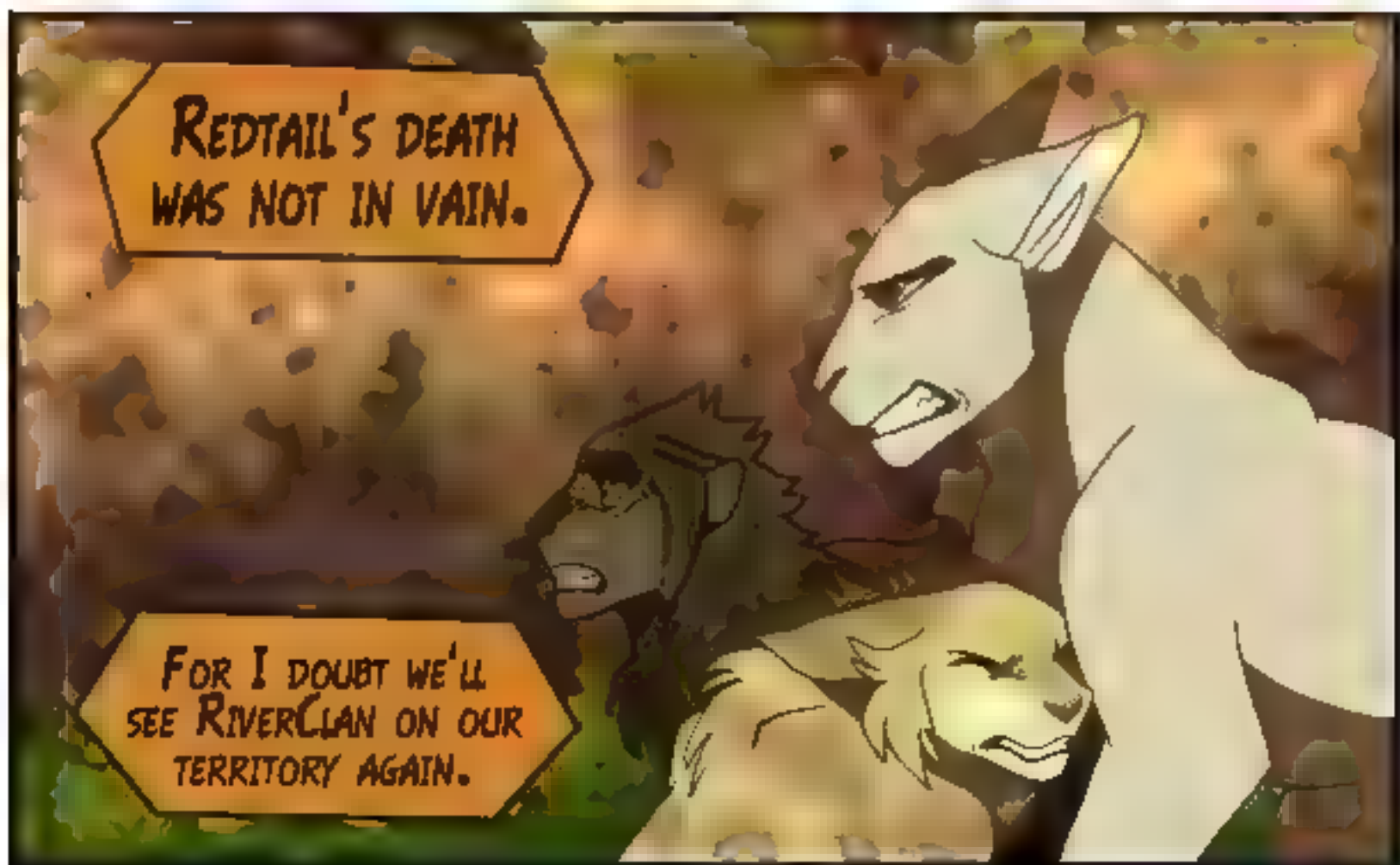
I SAW OAKHEART
HAD REDTAIL PINNED
TO THE GROUND.

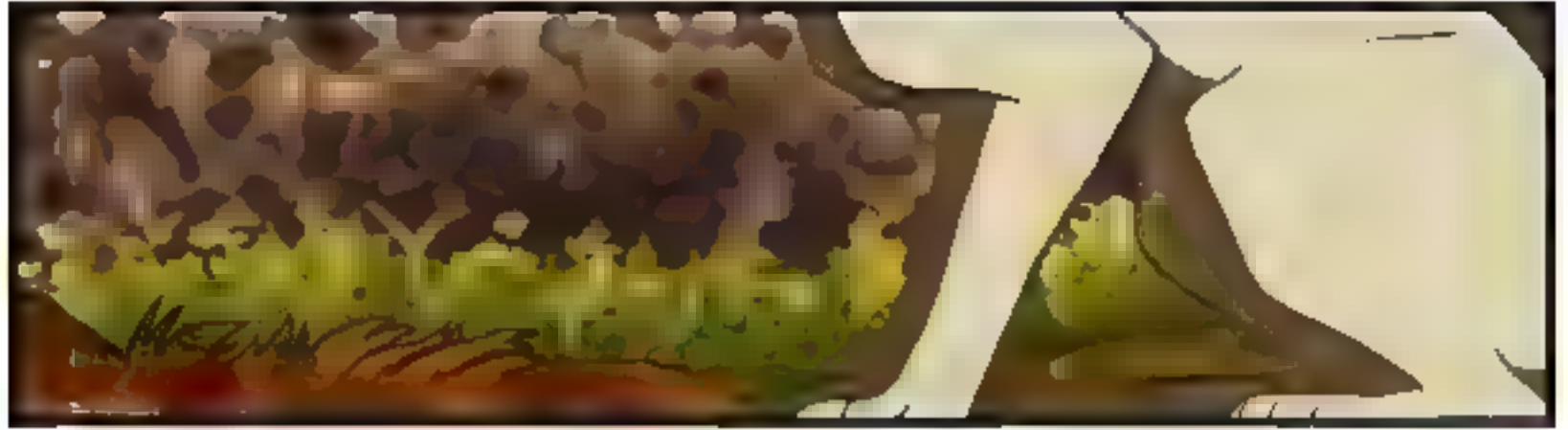
BUT THEN REDTAIL...

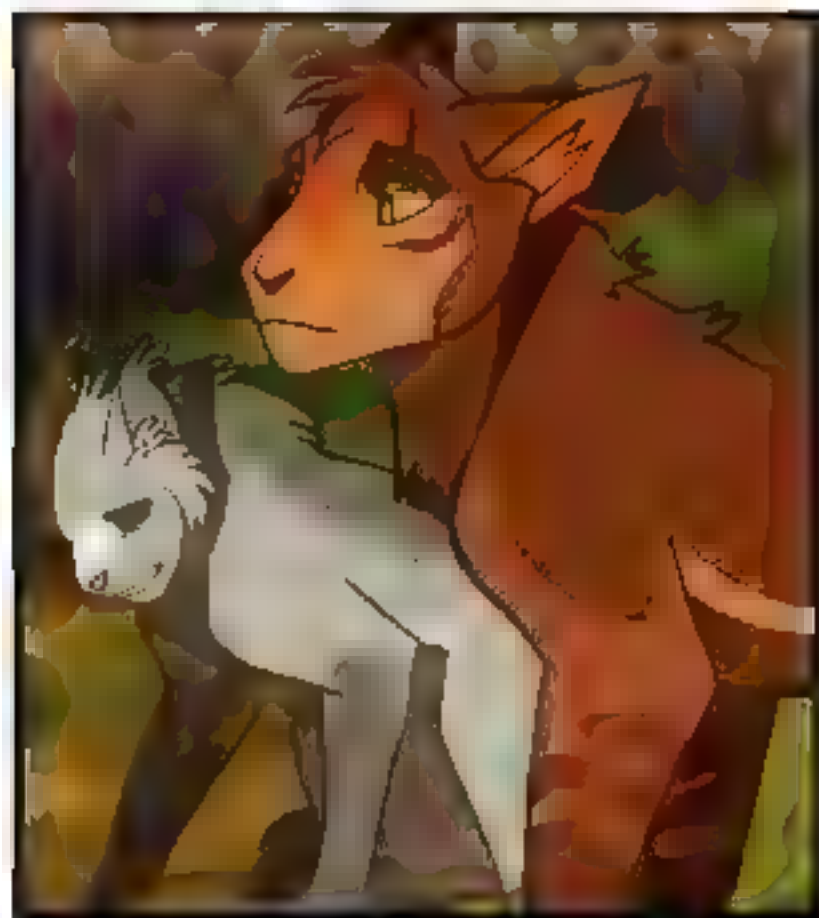
...WHITESTORM?

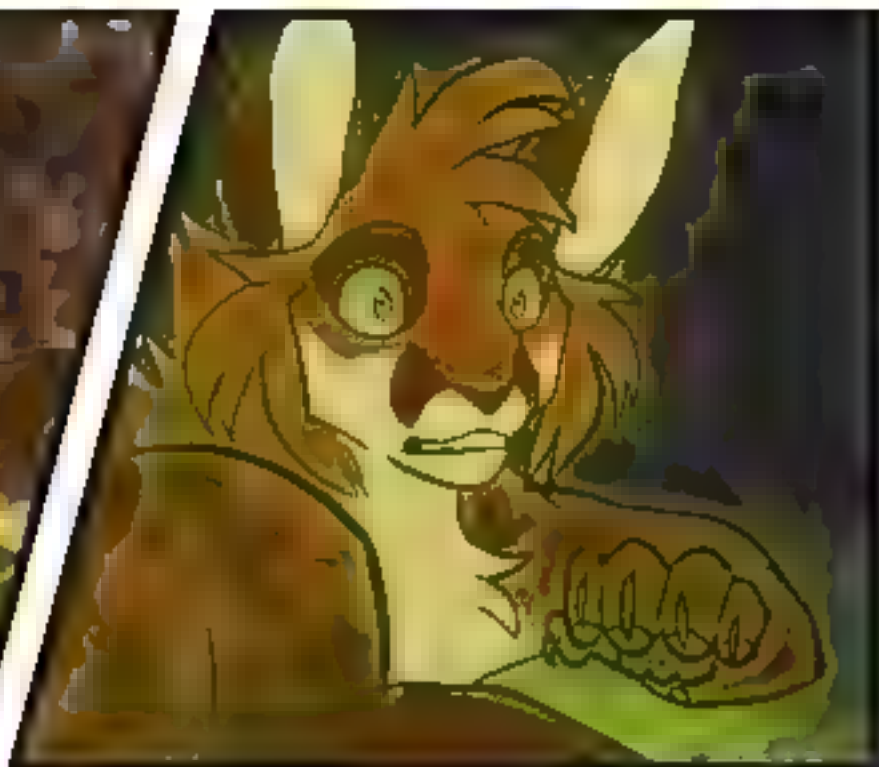
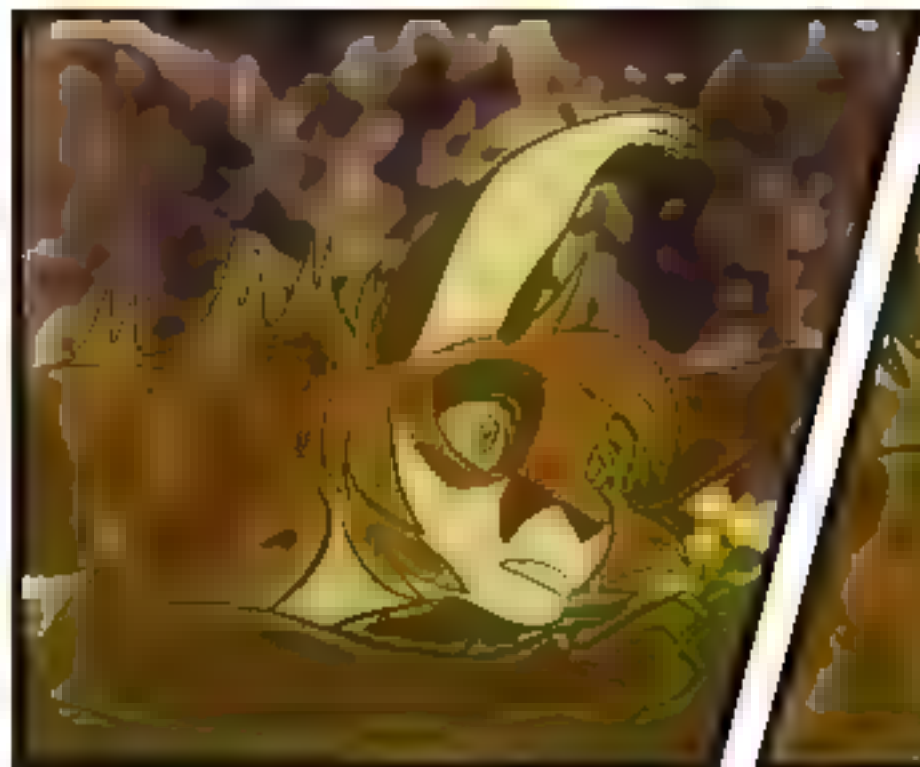
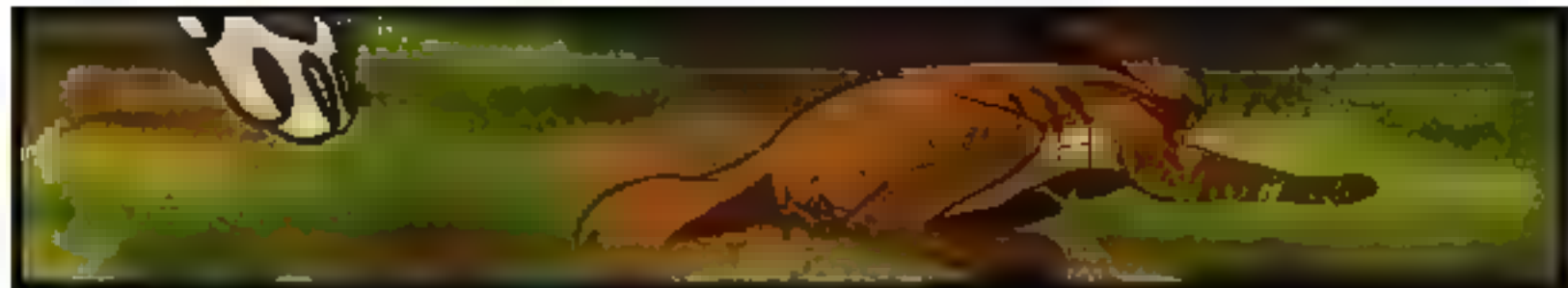











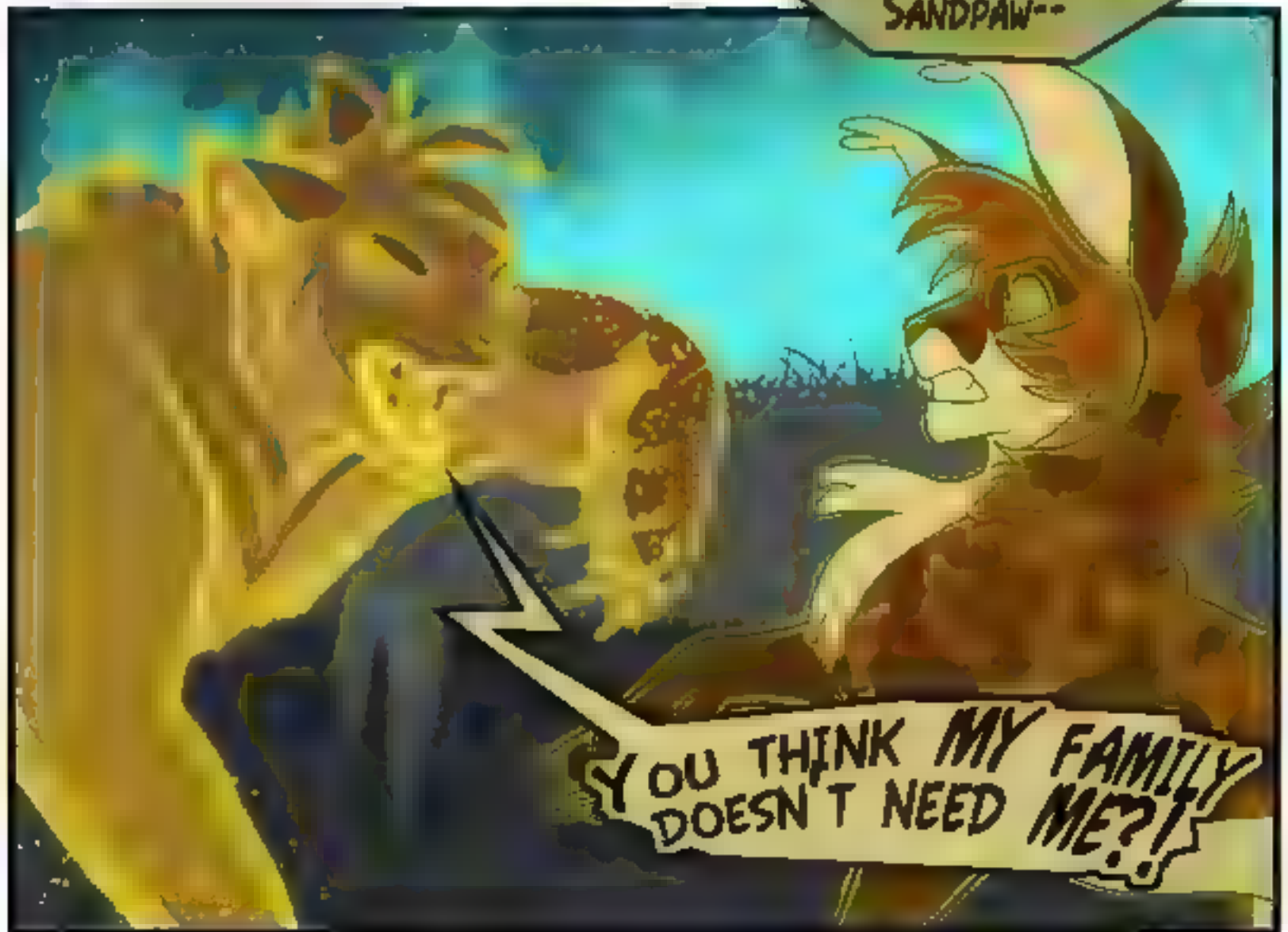





WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?




HOW COULD
YOU CHOOSE DEATH
SO EASILY?






I TOLD YOU!



**I TOLD YOU TO
PROTECT THEM!**


**NOW BECAUSE
OF YOUR CHOICE,
THEY WILL DIE!**



**WHAT WAS I
SUPPOSED TO DO?**

**I CAN'T BEAT
TIGERCLAW!**

NO ONE CAN!



THEY WILL.


LISTEN.



WHAT DO WE
HAVE HERE?



**TWO LOST DEPUTIES
WITH A CHOICE TO
MAKE**



**WHO ARE
YOU?**

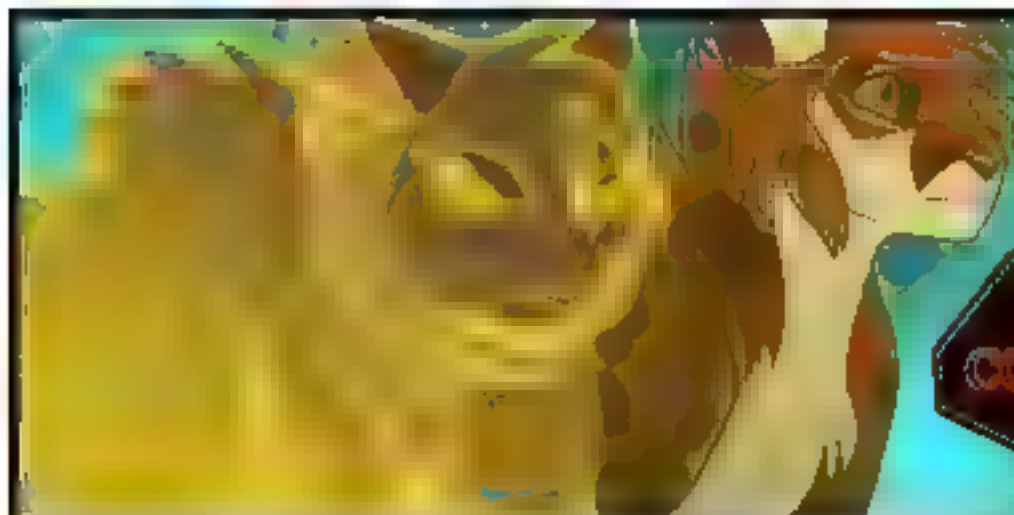
**YOU THINK
TIGERCLAW WILL LOSE,
DEAR OAKHEART?**

**DO YOU REALIZE THE
COST OF THAT LOSS?**



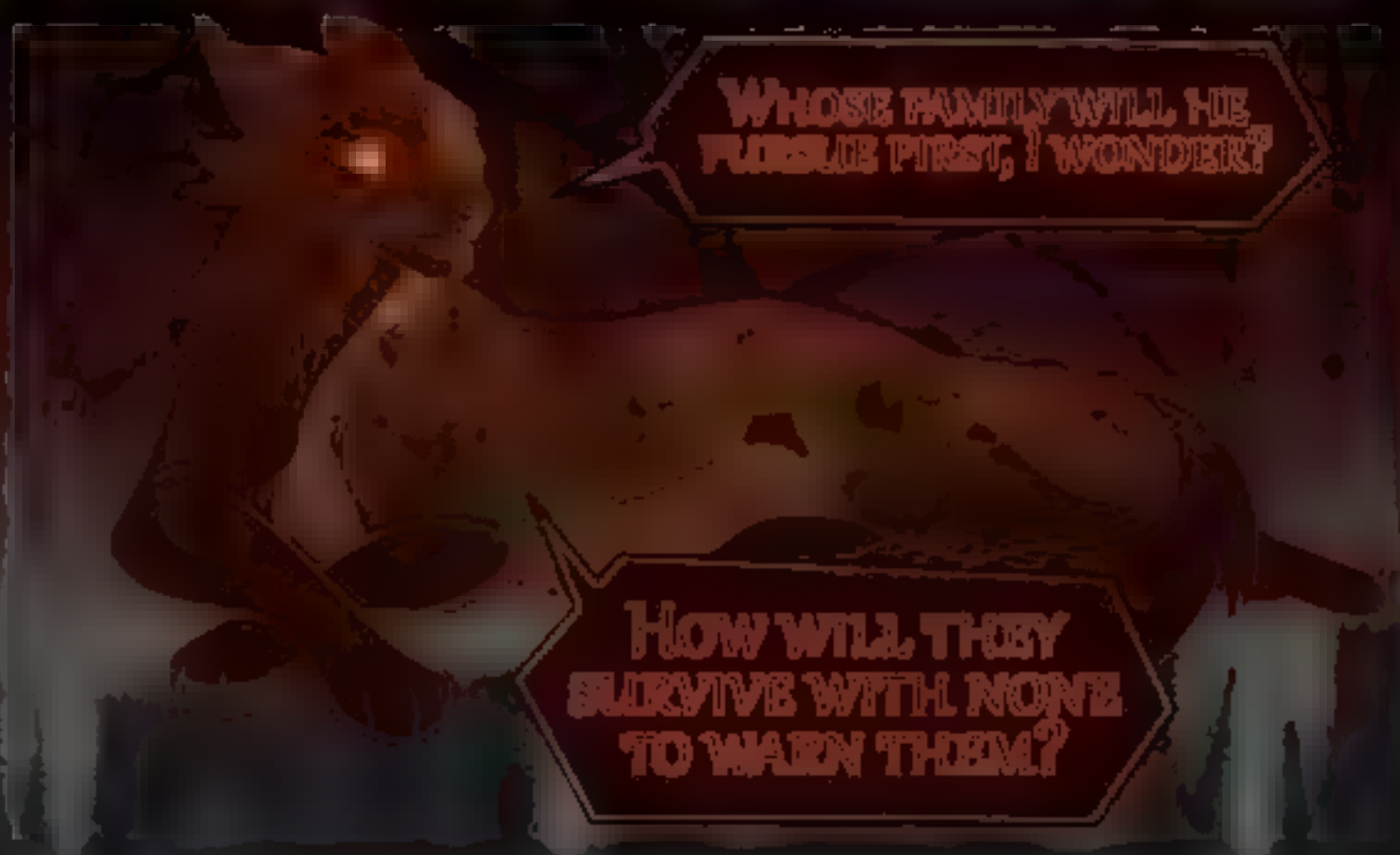
**WHO WILL
PAY THAT PRICE?**

**HE HAS ALREADY
COLLECTED HIS DUES
FROM YOU.**



**WHOSE FAMILY WILL HE
PURSUE FIRST, I WONDER?**

**HOW WILL THEY
SURVIVE WITH NONE
TO WARN THEM?**





YOU...



STAY AWAY FROM US,
MONSTER! GO BACK TO YOUR
FOX HOLE AND STAY THERE!

YOU'LL GET
NOTHING FROM US!



THIS CHOICE
IS NOT ENTIRELY
YOURS, OAKHEART.



REDTAIL...

I, I CAN'T--
I CAN'T LEAVE
THEM ALONE WITH
TIGERCLAW, HE--



REDTAIL, YOU WON'T
HAVE A FAMILY LEFT IF YOU
LISTEN TO HER.



PLEASE, LET'S
JUST GO.

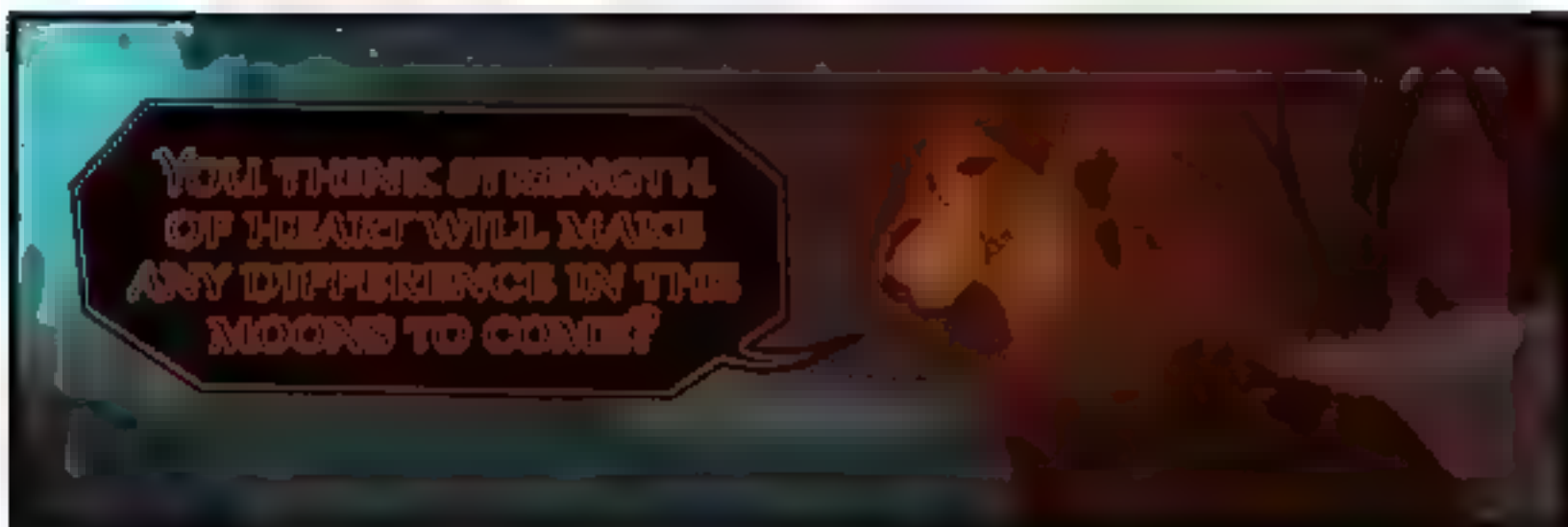






SANDPAW...

SHE'S STRONG,
SHE'LL--



YOU THINK STRENGTH
OF HEART WILL MAKE
ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE
MOONS TO COME?




YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE.
YOU ABANDONED HER!

BUT I CAN HELP
YOU SALVAGE YOUR
MISTAKE.




IS YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE
STRONG ENOUGH TO PRESERVE YOUR
SOUL AS YOU PLACE YOUR PAWS
BETWEEN WORLDS?

IS IT WORTH IT,
IF ONLY TO WARN THEM?




THE STARS HAVE
THEIR OWN PLANS
FOR US.

A yellow cat (Tigerclaw) is on the left, and a brown cat (Redtail) is on the right. They are in a dark, possibly cave-like setting with some foliage in the background.


THE STARS TOLD TIGERCLAW
HIS DESTINY WAS SET.

HE THOUGHT
HIS AGENCY LOST.

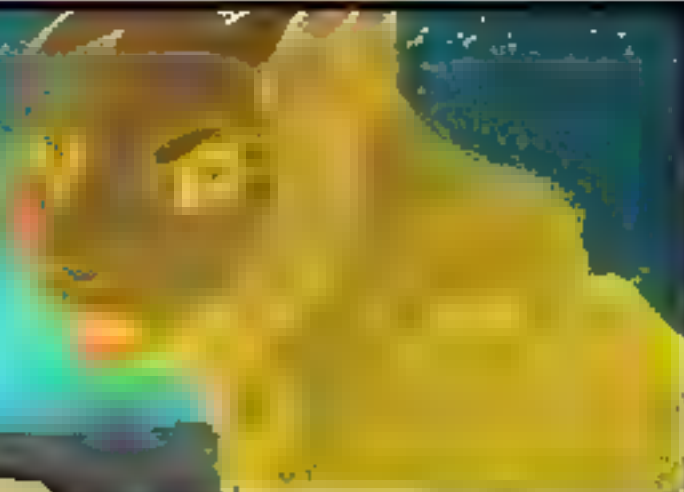
A close-up of a brown cat's face, looking slightly to the left. The cat has a serious expression.

WE THOUGHT THE
STARS PERFECT GUIDES
FOR OUR LIVES.

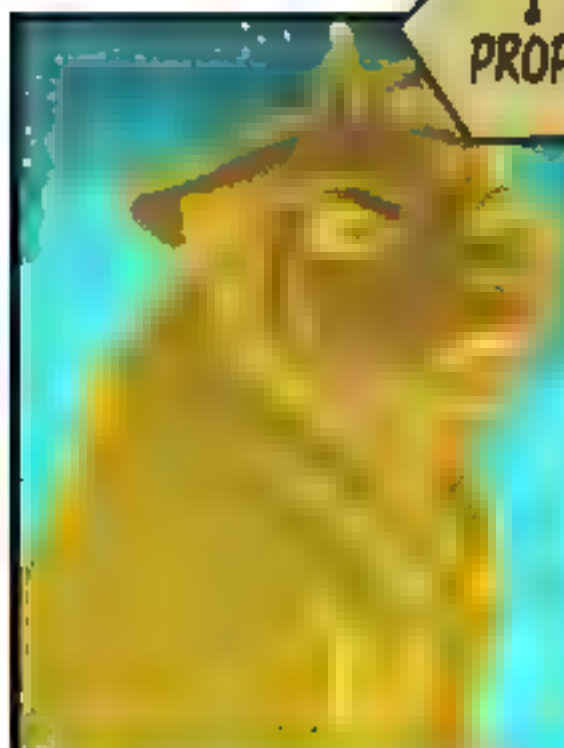
BUT WHEN WAS THE
LAST TIME A STARCLAN
CAT SPOKE TO YOU?

A yellow cat (Tigerclaw) is on the left, and a brown cat (Redtail) is on the right. They are in a dark setting with a bright blue light source on the left.


...I'M SPEAKING TO
YOU RIGHT NOW, REDTAIL.




NO MATTER WHAT
OTHERS WANT, YOU DECIDE
YOUR OWN FATE.




I DON'T CARE ABOUT
PROPHECIES AND DESTINY.



I CARE ABOUT
MY FAMILY! MY CLAN!



IF YOU WANT *YOUR*
FAMILY TO RECOGNIZE YOU
WHEN THEY SEE YOU AGAIN




WE'LL GO OUR
OWN WAY.

NOT HERS.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE, DEAR

THUNDERCLAN AND RIVERCLAN
ARE LESSER FOR YOUR LOSS.

I MERELY PRAY
FOR ALL OUR SAKES THAT
YOU BOTH CONTINUE TO
INFLUENCE THEM.

A wide shot of a snowy forest at night. Two cats are visible: a ginger cat on the left and a tabby cat on the right. They are both looking towards the right. The background shows snow-covered trees and a dark sky.

WHO WAS THAT?

...IT DOESN'T
MATTER.

WHAT DO WE
DO, REDTAIL?

OUR TIME IS
UP, BUT EVERYONE
IS STILL IN DANGER.

YOUR CLAN
AND MINE.

HOW DO WE
HELP THEM?



FIRE ALONE WILL
SAVE OUR CLANS



THEN WE BETTER
HELP START THE FIRE.

WARRIORS

REDTAIL'S CHOICE

